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title: Need to release funds immediately to undertake relief and rescue operations for floods in Tamil Nadu.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): Madam Speaker, I would like make a submission regarding relief for floods in Tamil Nadu. I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the very heavy rainfall that entire Tamil Nadu is receiving, especially the four coastal districts of Tamil Nadu, namely, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Chennai which are badly affected.

The State as a whole received more than 480 mm of rainfall till 20th November this year which is higher than the total rainfall the State receives during the entire North East monsoon season which goes up to December every year.

For the last two days again another spell of heavy rainfall is occurring in Tamil Nadu. The State Government headed by our hon. Chief Minister, hon. Amma is taking all measures on war-footing to give immediate relief to the affected people. The hon. Chief Minister also has written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister on 23.11.2015 seeking immediate release of funds for extending relief measures. The hon. Chief Minister also has requested that a Central team be sent to Tamil Nadu to assess the damage caused by heavy rains. A Central team visited Tamil Nadu and I hope that by now it must have given its report also.

The hon. Chief Minister has requested for immediate release of Rs. 8481 crore as on 23.11.2015. On date the requirement of funds would be much more. Hence I would like to request the Centre to release funds immediately to undertake relief and rescue operations.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shrimati V. Satyabama is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. P. Venugopal.