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Title: Need to cover all farmers under Crop Insurance and to provide seeds, fertilizers and plant protection chemicals free of costs to farmers.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, because of global warming and changes in climatic pattern, there has been a heavy rainfall in Viluppuram district of Tamil Nadu.

A lot of people lost their entire valuables, cattle and livelihood in this heavy rainfall. Our Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has initiated so many timely measures to protect the people of Tamil Nadu from this unforeseen situation on war-footing basis.

My district, Viluppuram is fully an agrarian district and people only depend upon agriculture for their livelihood. There are 4.5 lakh farming families in Viluppuram district, which is one of the potential agriculture districts of Tamil Nadu. Viluppuram district received 858 mm rainfall during November 2015 and first week of December 2015 which is almost 100 per cent of the rainfall.

In Villupuram District around one lakh acres of crop of paddy, groundnut, pulses maize, sugarcane have been lost. There is every possibility that this damage figure will further go up.

To redress the grievances of the farmers, the following relief activities should be started: Immediate relief to the affected farmers; all farmers should be covered under the Crop Insurance; and seeds, fertilizers and plant protection chemicals should be provided free of cost. Thank you.