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Title: Need to send a team of experts to estimate the loss incurred to the poor fishermen due to heavy rain and provide immediate relief to the affected fishermen families.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Mr. Deputy Speaker, *vanakkam*. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to represent the grievances of fishermen of my Constituency.

Villupuram District is one of the victims of the recent heavy rains. About 65,000 fisherman families depend on fishing to make their livelihood. About 19 villages (Marakonam and Vanur Blocks) were much affected by the rain. On this occasion, Tamizhaga Mudalamaichar Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has taken several initiatives and timely measures on war footing to safeguard Tamil Nadu.

Fishermen lost their cattle, boats, nets, fishing instruments, motorboats, storage godowns, etc. Also, several boats, fishing instruments, fishing nets were damaged. Ekkirkuppam Fishing Platform spot was also heavily damaged.

Not only that, prawn culture industry and fishing farms were also affected. As a measure of redressal to the affected fishermen who lost their livelihood, I urge upon the Government to send a team of experts to estimate the loss incurred by the poor fishermen and to provide immediate relief to the affected fishermen families.

Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri S. Rajendran.