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Title: Need to release funds to undertake relief work to control the situation caused by recent unprecedented floods in Tamil Nadu.

\*SHRI P.R.SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Vanakkam. Thank you for this opportunity. Considering the severe impact of recent unprecedented floods in Tamil Nadu, Hon. Chief Minister for Tamil Nadu Dr. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma had urged the Union Government to declare the recent floods as a natural calamity. Accepting the demand of Hon. Amma, the Union Government declared it as a calamity of severe nature. Although the Tamil Nadu Government under the able leadership of Hon. Amma has undertaken relief work on war-footing basis, some people speak ill of such matters just to achieve political mileage besides trying to prevent Hon. Amma getting name and fame. Last week, the Member of PMK tried to mislead this august House by providing false information. Contrary to stark reality, he attributed the floods and damages in Chennai to release of excess water from Chembarampakkam lake. If this argument is valid, I want to know why were there heavy damages caused by floods in Cuddalore, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts. From which lake in these districts the excess water was released?. What could be the reason for floods in different parts of Tamil Nadu? If you go through the statement made by the Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, on release of excess water from Chembarampakkam lake, everyone will come to know that what the Government of Tamil Nadu did was correct. The statement by Principal Secretary clearly mentions that floods in Chennai was not due to release of excess water from Chembarampakkam lake but due to unseen and unprecedented rains. I firmly reiterate this fact. World leaders are all praise of Dr. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma for the timely relief work undertaken by the State Government. Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Union Ministers and media are all praising Hon. Amma. Last week, the Union Government said that it would release funds from the National Disaster Response Fund considering the damages caused by floods in Tamil Nadu. I urge that as demanded by Hon. Chief Minister Dr. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma during the meeting with the Hon. Finance Minister yesterday, an amount of Rs.2000 crore should be released immediately to Tamil Nadu. Thank you.