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Title: Request to postpone of Civil Services Main examination due to situation arising out of recent heavy rains in Tamil Nadu.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): Madam Speaker, thank you for permitting me to raise an important matter concerning the future of many IAS aspirants from Tamil Nadu. As per the UPSC examination schedule, Civil Services main examination for this year is going to be held from 18th to 23rd December, 2015 throughout India. Chennai is the only centre for candidates appearing for the IAS main examination from Tamil Nadu. Since heavy rains have ravaged Chennai and the surroundings, the candidates may not be able to reach Chennai for taking the examination starting next week.

In this connection, the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, hon. Amma, has written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister of India on 12.12.2015 requesting the hon. Prime Minister to take it up with the UPSC to postpone the examination by at least two months to enable the students from Tamil Nadu to appear in the examination with adequate preparation and on a level playing field with the counterparts elsewhere in the country.

Hence, I would like to request the Government to instruct the UPSC to postpone the Civil Services Examination by at least two months as has been requested by our hon. Chief Minister Amma.

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (KARUR): Madam Speaker, the hon. Minister is here. It is a serious matter and Civil Services Examination is a very important examination. Therefore, let the hon. Minister reply on this. I would like to request you to respond to the letter of the hon. Chief Minister requesting the Government to postpone the Civil Services Examination. What is the reaction of the Government to the letter of the hon. Chief Minister to the hon. Prime Minister to postpone the Civil Services Examination?

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