

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to provide financial assistance of Rs. 500 crores to people of Urban and Rural areas for the problems caused due to heavy rainfall in Puducherry.

SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM (PUDUCHERRY): Sir, since October, the Northeast monsoon rainfall in Puducherry and Karaikal has been very high and the urban and rural population got inundated and water got stagnated in residential area. Many people are starving for food. Roads got damaged badly. One Bed Dam across the Sangarabarani river got washed away. Agricultural land to the extent of 4,000 hectares got submerged in the water and the farmers are suffering huge losses. All the rivers are overflowing and a lot of houses got damaged.

The Central Team visited Puducherry last week. I request the Union Government to provide immediate Central assistance of Rs. 500 crore to overcome this crisis.