

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to provide financial aid for restoration of relief and rehabilitation work in the areas affected by heavy rains in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI VIJAYKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANNIYAKUMARI): During the last few weeks normal life in the State of Tamil Nadu was affected heavily due to the North-East monsoon rains. The State has recorded the highest rainfall of 55 per cent in the last five years. The Delta region and the Kanniyakumari district are the major affected areas. As regards Kanniyakumari, agricultural land to the tune of four thousand hectares has been damaged. Many people have lost their homes and have moved to the relief camps and public properties like roads, water bodies and other infrastructure have been greatly damaged. I have submitted a memorandum to the Central team, which recently visited Kanniyakumari, seeking fund worth Rs. 260 crore for immediate relief from the Central Government for restoration work. Besides, the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for Rs. 3000 crore for relief and rehabilitation work.

Sir, I would like to urge upon the Union Government to release an adequate amount immediately for relief work.

Thank you.