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Title: Regarding providing financial assistance to farmers who were hard hit by cyclone Gaja.

SHRI M. SELVARAJ (NAGAPATTINAM): In my Constituency, Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur, Thiruthuraipoondi, Muthupettai, etc., are yet to recover from cyclone Gaja. I would like to draw the attention to the Union Government to release more funds in the upcoming budget for the purpose. The Cavery water has not yet been released to Tamil Nadu so the farmers are suffering.

In fact, cyclone Gaja severely affected the crops, uprooted lakhs of coconut trees, teak trees, banana trees, destroyed the houses, killed people, displayed boats, uprooted thousands of electrical posts, cell phone towers, transformers etc. People faced untold suffering after the Cyclone Gaja wiped out everything from their houses. On the one hand the Cyclone destroyed the poor. On the other hand, it has made the rich and middle class poor overnight. Farmers are yet to receive funds from the government. The Central Government released a meagre amount which is not at all sufficient in comparison to the damages ravaged by Cyclone Gaja.

Hence, I request the Union Government to kindly provide the fund to the farmers immediately.