

## **Regarding flood relief to Tamil Nadu**

**SHRI T. R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR):** Hon. Chairperson, Sir, finally, you have permitted me to speak on a very important subject matter that has to be settled as early as possible, at least now. See, when I am raising this issue there is no Cabinet Minister present here. Is there anybody present here? To whom I have to represent this matter? There is no Cabinet Minister, senior Minister to respond to my demand. They are giving least importance to Tamil Nadu. Whenever the subject relating to the State of Tamil Nadu is raised, there is nobody present to respond to my demand.

Hon. Chairperson, Sir, hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu met the hon. Prime Minister of India twice. Also, the hon. Members of Parliament met the hon. Home Minister of India twice. Both the hon. Prime Minister and hon. Home Minister had promised categorically that they will definitely help Tamil Nadu on the flood situation. When I led a delegation to meet the hon. Home Minister of India, he had promised that on or before 27<sup>th</sup> January, they will extend all the required help to Tamil Nadu. Today is 8<sup>th</sup> of February. But so far, we have not got any reply from the hon. Home Minister. They are giving scant respect to Tamil Nadu. That is why, initially we wanted to raise this issue. Many a time this issue has been raised. We have told this to the media also. The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu met the hon. Prime Minister. All the hon. Members of Parliament belonging to Tamil Nadu represented the matter in various angles. But nothing is happening.

Sir, this is the sad part of this particular Union Government, not to extend help to the State of Tamil Nadu whenever there is a dire necessity concerning human needs. It is the human need only. They are not giving consideration to the human needs at all. It is very bad. I strongly condemn it. At least, now they have to come forward.