

Regarding release of funds for cyclone `Michaung` affected areas in Tamil Nadu-laid

SHRI K. SUBBARAYAN (TIRUPPUR): Tamil Nadu had suffered two spells of heavy rainfall in the month of December. Cyclone `Michaung` devastated Chennai and heavy rains caused havoc in the southern districts. Both disasters caused heavy loss. An all-party delegation of MPs from Tamil Nadu had called on the Union Home Minister urging immediate sanction of Rs. 37,907 crore sought by the State Government towards flood relief.

A central team of officials had visited the state to assess the damage. Union Minister had visited the affected areas. Two representations have been submitted by the state insisting immediate release of funds. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had called on the Prime Minister personally.

The Union Government has released only Rs. 900 crore in two installments. The disaster was so huge that the relief and restoration work involves providing livelihood to affected families, restoration of the damaged infrastructure and rehabilitation of the affected MSMEs, vendors, fishermen and farmers.

I urge upon the Union Government to release Rs. 37,000/ crore to Tamil Nadu immediately.