

Title: Requested the Prime Minister to provide relief to the drought affected areas of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, there is nature's fury in Andhra Pradesh. We are facing drought situation. Out of 1100 Mandals nearly 911 Mandals, which constitute about 81 per cent of Mandals, are facing drought. Since 1st June till today, there is no rain in Andhra Pradesh. Our Chief Minister has convened an all-party meeting yesterday. He is sending a big delegation tomorrow to meet the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Agriculture Minister. Tomorrow hon. Prime Minister will be attending Question Hour in Rajya Sabha and so, he may not be available and the team would be meeting the Agriculture Minister. I would like to appeal through you, Sir, to the hon. Prime Minister to immediately send a team day after tomorrow itself to find out the facts and correct position. Otherwise, it will be very difficult for the State. There is drinking water problem. This is an issue concerning all parties and everybody will support this issue. Already some MPs individually have met the hon. Prime Minister and submitted a memorandum. If you see the percentage of rainfall, in Rayalaseema, it is minus 72 and in Telangana, it is minus 80. People are suffering in Andhra Pradesh.

In the case of Orissa floods, with great vision, the hon. Prime Minister has given a package. In a similar way, to tackle the nature's fury in Andhra Pradesh, we request the hon. Prime Minister to help us. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Do you want to divert the floods from Orissa to Andhra Pradesh?

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU : No, Sir. We want water to be diverted from there. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I am calling the names of hon. Members one by one. I have 35 notices with me.