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Title: Need to take steps to solve the problem of drought in Dharmapuri Parliamentary constituency, Tamil Nadu-Laid.

SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN (DHARMAPURI ) : The people of my Dharmapuri Parliamentary Constituency comprising the four assembly segments of Dharmapuri district viz. Dharmapuri, Morappur, Harur, Pennagaram and the assembly segments, viz. Mettur and Tharamangalam in Salem district are the most affected in the recent drought crisis in Tamil Nadu. People of my constituency are suffering a lot in all walks of their life. The acute drinking water crisis and the complete failure of crops due to the failure of monsoon rains had not only affected the people but also the huge cattle population. It is heartbreaking to see the people forced to sell their cattle at a very low price and are fleeing to other States in search of livelihood and jobs. Therefore, on behalf of the people of my constituency, I urge upon the Government to provide immediate relief package to solve this deep crisis. Also I urge upon the Union Government to direct the State Government to take immediate remedial steps to solve this problem.