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Title: Need to declare Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu as drought-hit and take all the necessary steps for providing relief to the affected farmers in the district.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu for the second successive year has been hit by drought. All the standing crops are withering. Due to failure of rain, the underground water level has considerably gone down. Even the borewell at the depth of 600 to 900 feet are without a drop of water. Dindigul district is famous for coconut trees and mango trees. Most of the trees are withering without proper irrigation facilities and rainfall. With very little copras in the coconut tress, the farmers are not getting proper prices adding to their miseries. I urge upon the Government to declare Dindigul district as drought-hit district and necessary steps be taken to provide relief to the farmers. Further the basic price of the copras should be raised sufficiently so that the farmers are benefited.