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Title: Regarding sanction of Central Grants for Tamil Nadu.

*SHRI O.S. MANIAN (MAYILADUTHURAI):: Hon'ble Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. On this last sitting of 15th Lok Sabha and on the International Day of Mother Tongue, I am happy that I got an opportunity to speak in my mother tongue, Tamil. I am more thankful to you Sir. Tamil is an ancient language and its origin dates back to time immemorial. Tamil is a unique language. Poet Mahakavi Bharathi says, "When we take the name of Tamil Nadu, our ears are filled with sweetness". Tamil is a language which is forever young. Tamil is very rich with all types of literature like epics, puranas, etc. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. *Puratchiththalaivi* Amma has introduced Scientific Tamil along with all three existing forms of Tamil *i.e.* Muthamizh. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has demanded a special grant of Rs. 1 lakh crore from the Union Government for implementing various programmes in Tamil Nadu in the present as well as in future. However, no decision in this regard has been taken so far. Tamil Nadu is continuously affected because of various factors such as drought-

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.

like situation, monsoon failure and denial of river water by Karnataka Government. Because of non-intervention of Union Government in such issues, the farmers of the State of Tamil Nadu are much affected. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. *Purathchiththalaivi* Amma has provided a relief grant Rs.1,614 Crore to protect the livelihood of farmers in the State. As per the Census of 2011 and under the Twelfth five-year plan, out of 5.96% of financial grant only 4.32% was provided by the Union to the State of Tamil Nadu. This is clearly due to the step motherly attitude of the Union Government as regards the genuine demands of Tamil Nadu. I therefore urge through this august House that without any further delay, the special grant as demanded by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. *Puratchiththalaivi* Amma should be provided immediately.