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Title: Need to release the funds for reviving the funds-starved Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.R. SENTHILNATHAN (SIVAGANGA): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, many thanks to our leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for reviving the funds-starved cooperative societies which help the poor agriculturists. The revival package for short-term cooperative credit sector was recommended by the Vaidyanathan Committee. The Government of Tamil Nadu entered into an MoU with the Union Government and NABARD. The Government of Tamil Nadu led by our beloved leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma released the State's share of Rs.385 crore fully. The Union Government has so far not released its share, Rs.597 crore is still pending as arrears with the Centre.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Amma has already requested the Centre to release this fund for reviving cooperative societies. I urge upon the Union Government to release immediately the balance amount of Rs 597 crore at the earliest.