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Title: Issue regarding construction of housing units in Tamil Nadu.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH):Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring an important issue to the notice of the House which was highlighted in the memorandum submitted by our hon. People's Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma to the hon. Prime Minister.

Tamil Nadu is the largest urbanized State in the country with 48.45 per cent of its population living in urban areas. As per the 2011 Census, 14.63 lakh families are living in urban slums in Tamil Nadu. Housing surveys of slum areas reveal an even larger figure. Even if 25 per cent of the housing needs of these areas are taken up, it would still require construction of around 3.65 lakh housing units with an investment of Rs. 29,200 crore. This is a mammoth fiscal challenge calling for considerable financial assistance from the Government of India. Thank you.