

an>

Title:Need to give financial packages for the relief of flood affected people in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI R. VANAROJA (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Thank you, Deputy-Speaker, Sir. The North East Monsoon has witnessed extremely heavy rainfall and subsequent floods resulted in heavy damages and extensive disturbance to life and properties in the entire Tamil Nadu.

The Government of Tamil Nadu under the dynamic and efficient leadership of our hon. Chief Minister, *Puratchi Thalaivi Amma*, has sought support from the National Disaster Response Fund for flood damages. The Inter-Ministerial Central team deputed by the Union Government has visited different places affected by floods in the State.

Hon. Prime Minister expressed his deep anguish and grief about the loss of lives in Tamil Nadu due to continuous rain and floods, and was saddened to witness devastation and deaths in Tamil Nadu and expressed faith in the strength of Tamil Nadu. He had spoken to our hon. Chief Minister Amma and assured full support and cooperation from the Centre.

I urge upon the Union Government to consider this calamity as a natural calamity and release the amount of Rs. 8,480.93 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund immediately. Thank you.