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Title:Regarding flood situation in Tamil Nadu.

□ SHRI G. HARI (ARAKKONAM). Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. I express my regards and sincere thanks to our beloved leader and Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr.Puratchithalaivi Amma for allowing me to raise an important issue in this august House. Never in the history of Tamil Nadu there were rains and floods of such a high magnitude due to North East Monsoon which have affected several lakhs of people and throwing their lives out of gear. There was loss of lives and property. Normal life is very much affected. Arakkonam Parliamentary constituency is also affected. Overflow of water in the Ammapalli

Dam in Nagari of Andhra Pradesh has affected areas like Tiruttani, Pallippattu, Pothattoorpet and R.K. Pet which were marooned due to flooding waters. Breaches of flooding water in Nandi river has inundated several villages around Tiruttani. Due to heavy floods in Kosasthalai river, many villages were inundated. A river bridge near Kuppam-Kandigai, Madathukkuppam and Muthukondapuram villages of Tiruvaalanganadu Union in Tiruvallur district has been completely damaged and as a result so many villages have lost road connectivity. At a place called NM Kandigai in Tiruttani, a bridge has collapsed making the people living in surrounding areas cut off from other places. Road and rail connectivity was cut off and several thousands of people are affected. In my Arakkonam Parliamentary constituency, Arakkonam, Sholingur, Ranipet, Arcot, Katpadi and other places are very much affected. Many overflowing ponds and breaches in lakes in the district have inundated many villages. Due to which the normal life is so much affected. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has taken several measures for relief and rescue operations on war-footing basis. Relief funds are being provided to all the affected people of Tamil Nadu. Never in the history of Tamil Nadu, there was 1139 mm of rain in Chennai alone in a month. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchithalaivi Amma has granted an amount of Rs. 500 Crore immediately for relief and rescue operations. Hon. Amma has demanded from the Union government for immediate release of Rs.8481 Crore to the State from the National Disaster Response Fund. A Central team visited several flood affected places in Tamil Nadu and their assessment report is yet to be submitted to the Union Government. Even after their visit, there has been continuous rain and the damages due to floods are on the rise. Our beloved leader Hon. Puratchithalaivi Amma has been relentlessly working for the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to release funds from the National Disaster Response Fund as demanded by Hon. Puratchithalaivi Amma for the welfare of the people of Tamil Nadu. Thank you.