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Title:Need to declare flood in Tamil Nadu as a national calamity and release adequate amount from the National Disaster Response Fund.

SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE (THOOTHUKUDI): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, *Vanakkam*. I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to our beloved leader hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for giving me this timely opportunity to speak in this august House.

The north-east monsoon has witnessed extremely heavy rainfall and subsequent floods have resulted in heavy damages and extensive disturbances to lives and properties in the entire Tamil Nadu. In Southern Tamil Nadu, heavy and extremely heavy rains have battered the life in the district of Tuticorin.

Many huts collapsed and villages were inundated and a bund attached to Sivalkulam irrigation tank was partly damaged due to heavy rain. Two huts at Srivaikundam and one at Vilathikulam collapsed in adverse conditions.

Meanwhile, Sankaralingapuram village near Kovilpatti got flooded as Veppankulam irrigation tank overflowed and water entered 50 houses. In Tuticorin, Anthoniyarpuram, Maravanmadam, Bharathi Nagar, Muthammal colony are the most affected places. They were completely submerged in flood waters. The Tuticorin collectorate and nearby areas also were flooded with water. More than 5,61,000 food packets have been distributed to the people affected in the floods. They were lodged safely in five community halls and provided with food, water and medical aids.

The fishermen were advised by the district administration not to venture into the sea and therefore their livelihood was affected badly. The district recorded a total rainfall of 674 mm in the last 24 hours.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of hon. Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has sought generous support from the National Disaster Response Fund for flood damages. Hon. Prime Minister expressed his deep anguish and grief about the loss of lives in Tamil Nadu due to continuous rain and flood. 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 national calamity and release adequate amount from the National Disaster Response Fund immediately.

Thank you, Sir.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015, at 11 a.m.

**19.48 hours**

***The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on***

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