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Title: Need to give financial assistance to families severely affected by recent floods in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN (COIMBATORE): Madam Speaker, the recent floods in Tamil Nadu due to extremely heavy and torrential rains have left thousands of people homeless as the flood damaged their houses completely.

The poor people living in Chennai city on the banks of the Adyar and Cooum rivers and Buckingham Channel lost their houses in this devastation.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has planned to allocate 25,000 houses through Slum Clearance Board Housing schemes. Tamil Nadu State Government needs to construct 50,000 new houses in multi-storeyed buildings.

Hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister requesting the Centre to provide Rs. 5,000 crore to the Tamil Nadu Government for construction of 50,000 new houses in Chennai city and also to sanction Rs. 1.5 lakh per house as Central assistance for 50,000 more people living in other areas under the Central Government's special scheme.

Also, the Centre has to provide Rs. 1.5 lakh each for one lakh poor people in Cuddalore District under Indira Awas Yojana to construct permanent houses for them instead of hutments which were washed away in floods.

I urge upon the Government to provide the special financial support requested by hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma immediately.