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Title: Need to provide immediate financial relief to the flood affected farmers of Viluppuram district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): The Global warming changes in the world environment and climate conditions produce adverse and unpredictable conditions like excess rains as well as scarcity of rainfall during a particular season. Tamil Nadu witnessed the heaviest rainfall recorded in the history. The unprecedented flood and storm battered the districts of Chennai, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

Regarding my own district Villupuram, people depend mainly on agriculture for their livelihood. There are 4.5 lakhs of farm families in Villupuram district who suffered heavily due to heavy rains and flood as about 1 lakh acres of crops like paddy, groundnut, pulses, Maize and sugarcane were damaged.

I urge the Union Government to provide the immediate relief to the affected farmers and provide them adequate seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides free of cost. The Government should waive the agricultural loans with interest and cover all the farmers under the crop insurance schemes.