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Title: Need for Central assistance to Tamil Nadu Government for rehabilitation of flood affected victims.

SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN (MADURAI): Never in the history of Tamil Nadu there were rains and floods of such a high magnitude . It has affected several lakhs of people throwing their lives out of gear. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has taken several measures for relief and rescue operations on war-footing basis. It is a national disaster and requires the assistance of the Central Government for all rehabilitation works. The estimated damages and losses amount to several thousand crores. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has demanded from the Union Government the immediate release of Rs. 8480.93 crores to Tamil Nadu from the National Disaster Response Fund. The Tamil Nadu Government has been relentlessly working for the overall welfare of the flood affected people of Tamil Nadu.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to release the funds sought for from the National Disaster Response Fund immediately.