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Title: Need to release additional quantity of kerosene to Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN (COIMBATORE): Thank you Deputy-Speaker, Sir. I would like to raise an important issue pertaining to the welfare of the flood-ravaged people of Tamil Nadu. The recent floods in Tamil Nadu has caused heavy damages to the life of the people in Chennai, Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore districts of Tamil Nadu.

Hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has initiated many rehabilitation schemes to bring back normalcy and to provide permanent solution to lead a good life. The relief and damage control measures done by the Tamil Nadu Government under the dynamic leadership of our beloved Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma were hailed by all the leaders and relief organizations both in India and world over. Amma has initiated a special housing scheme for the people who live along the banks of river Adyar, Cooum and Buckingham Canal in Chennai and a large number of people living around other water bodies in Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Cuddalore districts. Amma has requested Rs. 5,000 crore for this special housing project. Amma has also written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister in this regard.

To meet the requirements of the flood affected people, Amma has sought an additional quantity of 30,000 metric tons of rice at the rate as provided to BPL families.

There are about 38.2 lakh families, who do not have LPG connections, have to depend only on kerosene as their fuel in the flood affected districts of Tamil Nadu. Already, there was an acute shortfall in the quantity of kerosene supplied to Tamil Nadu under the Public Distribution System. Therefore, Amma has requested the hon. Prime Minister for an additional quantity of 19,100 kilolitres of kerosene to cater to the fuel needs of those people.

I would urge the Government to immediately fulfil the genuine requests made by the hon. Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and support the rehabilitation and restoration works in Tamil Nadu. I would also urge the Government to release a sum of Rs.2,000 crore immediately. Thank you, Sir.