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title: Need to take immediate action for additional allocation of rice at BPL rates and Kerosne oil at PDS rate to State of Tamil Nadu.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the entire country is aware of the devastation caused by the recent floods in Tamil Nadu due to the unprecedented, extremely heavy rainfall.

The requirement of rice for distribution of food packets in the affected areas and the quantity required for the flood relief package is expected to be around 30,000 Metric Tonnes. Therefore, the Ministry of Food and Consumer Protection should make a special allotment of 30,000 Metric Tonnes of rice to Tamil Nadu at BPL rates.

Sir, further, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas should allot 19,100 KL of kerosene to Tamil Nadu in addition to the regular allotment for issue under the Public Distribution System. Our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had already written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister in this regard.

In conclusion, I would request that the Central Government should take immediate action for additional allocation of rice at BPL rates and kerosene at PDS rates. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chanel is allowed to associate with Dr. J. Jayavardhan in his 'Zero Hour' mention today.