

**Demand for resolution of Jal Jeevan Mission issues in Odisha**

SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI (Odisha): Sir, a recent study in Odisha revealed that 40.55 per cent of the surveyed households lack access to safe drinking water. This poses serious health risks and waterborne diseases due to contamination. Despite the State Government's commendable Basudha Scheme which aims to provide clean water to both rural and urban areas, there remains a pressing need for increased Central Assistance. The challenges faced by Odisha in implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission deserve compassionate attention and collaborative solutions for the well-being of its residents. The Central Government must address the challenges hindering the Jal Jeevan Mission in Odisha. Collaboratively, the Union and State Governments can identify areas lacking safe water access and implement tailored schemes. Sir, through you, I urge the Central Government to promptly resolve these issues.

**Demand for relief package for flood affected people of Tamil Nadu**

DR. M. THAMBIDURAI (Tamil Nadu): Sir, on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, historic rains and subsequent flood paralysed normal life in Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanyakumari Districts of Tamil Nadu. Unprecedented very heavy rainfall in these districts caused severe damage to crops, properties and infrastructural facilities. These marooned districts had been cut off from the rest of Tamil Nadu. Extensive damage to crops on thousands of acres and properties worth crores of rupees had taken place in these districts. Several towns and villages have been inundated. The infrastructure, such as roads, rail lines, canals, tanks and electric poles and many houses have been affected. People had been worst affected and they are limping back to normal life.

The leader of the AIADMK Party visited the affected people in those districts and consoled them. There is a dire need to provide them food, water and milk immediately. The Government should immediately ensure rescue and relief measures. Our leader and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu demanded that Rs.25,000 have to be given to each of the affected farmers and Rs.10 lakh should be given to the kin of each of those who died in Tirunelveli. Based on the survey that he conducted, people have been completely devastated.

Hence, I request the Central Government to immediately sanction an amount of Rs.15,000 crore to restore normal life of the people of those districts.

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