

**Press Statement of Edappadi K. Palaniswami,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu – 9.8.2018**

The heavy rains and unprecedented floods in certain districts of Kerala have caused extensive damage to property and have taken toll of lives. This has also caused untold suffering to the people of the State of Kerala.

On behalf of the State Government and people of Tamil Nadu, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the family members of all those who have lost their lives in the rains and floods. The State of Kerala is faced with the arduous task of ensuring immediate rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures for the flood ravaged areas and reconstruction of the devastated areas in the coming days. As a token of the support and solidarity of the Government and people of Tamil Nadu with the Government and people of Kerala in their hour of need, I have ordered the immediate contribution of a sum of Rs.5 crore from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the Government of Kerala.

The Government of Tamil Nadu stands ready to render any other assistance as may be required by the Government of Kerala.

K. PALANISWAMI
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.