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Title: Need for financial assistance to the State of Maharashtra to provide relief to the farmers who are affected by the torrential rain.

**\*SHRI OM PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR (OSMANABAD):** Hon. Chairman Sir, thank you very much for allowing me to raise an important issue regarding my constituency in this 'Zero Hour'. In last October, my constituency was badly impacted by heavy rains. In Osmanabad 4,16,000 farmers and their 2,62,000 hectares of land, in Barshi Tehsil of Solapur district, 75,781 farmers and their 68,768 hectares of land, and in AUSA and Nilanga Tehsils of Latur district, 1,52,417 farmers and their 95,777 hectares of land got so badly affected due to the torrential rain. On account of this heavy downpour, farm land got eroded on the river banks.

After witnessing these heavy losses, the State Government on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 had sent a proposal to the Central Government for granting an immediate aid of Rs.3421 crore for relief. But the Central Government had not come forward to help out these poor farmers till date.

Our state has given a financial assistance of around Rs. 6000 crore to the distressed farmers. In my constituency 6,43,998 farmers have received State Government aid of Rs. 468 crore where around 4,26,643 hectares of land had got affected.

Lastly, Chairman Sir, I would like to request Central Government to come forward to help our distressed farmers.

