

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding compensation to flood victims in Kuttanad region of Kerala -laid.

SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL (MOHANLALGANJ): The repeated floods in Kerala have wrought havoc, in Kuttanad region witnessing a massive scale of destruction. Hundreds of acres of paddy cultivation have been damaged and washed away, leading to heavy losses for farmers. Outer bunds of numerous paddy polders stand breached and houses were submerged. Persons who were victims of earlier floods have not been allocated fair compensation as yet. Kuttanad region relies upon agriculture and allied activities as its prime source of livelihood. I urge the government to provide a fiscal package for compensating the losses and help in reviving Kuttanad region. A special package composed of programmes for revival of agriculture, dairy, animal husbandry and other vocations along with fiscal support package may be implemented.