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Title: Need to provide central assistance to Kerala affected by two floods -laid.

ADV. A.M. ARIFF (ALAPPUZHA): Kerala has faced two massive floods in the recent years. After the first flood, for rebuilding Kerala, the State Government had asked for Rs. 2600 crore. In these two floods, 10319 houses got fully damaged and over 1 lakh were partially damaged. Over 10,000 kms of major roads were washed away and 16000 hectares of land was lost. State need an amount of Rs.31,000 crore to restore this. The Central Government has not given sufficient funds and also denied the State to accept aid from foreign countries. The Central Government had allotted Rs. 5908 crores to other States having fewer disaster compared to Kerala. Kerala has not been allotted a single penny for the second flood even as the State has asked a financial support of Rs.2101.88 crore. So, the Central Government should allot sufficient fund for the development of Kerala.