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Title: Need to release a special relief assistance package to Kerala affected by floods.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am raising a very important and urgent matter, through you. Kerala has been excluded – hon. Finance Minister is here - and denied additional financial assistance from the National Disaster Relief Fund even when the Central Government released funds worth Rs 5,908 crores to seven flood-hit states. It is pertinent to note that Kerala, which was affected severely by two back to back floods in 2018 and 2019, was excluded despite the severity of the damages being very well known to the Union Government. Such discriminatory practices are liable to affect the Centre-State harmony. I urge upon the Union Government to reconsider the request of Kerala and release a special relief assistance package to it at the earliest.

Sir, the United Nations in its Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) Report cited the losses to be to the tune of Rs.31,000 crore in various sectors in Kerala. For example, in construction of houses sector, the loss is to the tune of Rs.5,443 crore; in the health sector, it was Rs.600 crore; in the education and child protection sector, it was Rs.214 crore; in the culture and heritage sector, it was Rs.80 crore.....

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...(व्यवधान)

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : In agriculture, fisheries and animal husbandry sector, the loss was to the tune of Rs.4,498 crore. These are the figures given in the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) Report.

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SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Sir, the Central Government is adopting step-motherly attitude towards Kerala. It is not good. Hon. Finance Minister is here. Everybody knows that Kerala has incurred huge losses. Hence, I would request the hon. Finance Minister to immediately announce a special assistance package to Kerala. ...

(Interruptions)

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श्रीमती सुप्रिया सुले को श्री के. सुरेश द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।