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Title: Regarding loss of horticulture produce due to untimely heavy snow fall in Jammu & Kashmir.

SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI (ANANTNAG): Hon. Speaker, Sir, Kashmir has witnessed untimely heavy snowfall in the first week of November, and at some places the snowfall had went up to one metre. The untimely snowfall has resulted in colossal loss to the horticulture sector, which has suffered at least a loss of Rs. 1 lakh crore.

I would like to ask this from the Government. Is there is any plan to declare this unprecedented snowfall as an extremely severe calamity, so that the horticulture sector becomes entitled to get relief under the National Disaster Relief Fund? Is any Central team of experts proposed to be deputed to the State? An assessment on the spot is made of the losses suffered by the horticulturists and steps are taken for compensating those affected by the loss.