

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding pathetic flood situation in Kerala.

**SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY (MALAPPURAM):** Respected Speaker Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the severe floods that are repeatedly affecting Kerala, and also some other States. The Central Government should think about it. It is happening every year because of the climate change.

If you take the example of Kerala, during 2018 Kerala floods, about one million people were evacuated, almost 480 people died, and about 140 people were missing. This time also, the situation is nearly the same. Almost the same number of people died this year also due to such calamities. Almost one sixth of the total population had been affected in the flood related incidents.

Last year, the Central Government helped a little bit. The State Government requested Rs. 4,700 crore as compensation from the Central Government but the Central Government gave Rs. 3,048 crore. This time, there is no help from the Central Government. Nobody knows what is the reason for that. The Central Government says that the State Government has not spent the entire money. We do not know about that. But the people are not getting anything. In certain districts like Wayanad and Malappuram, people are still in relief camps. So, this is a very serious situation. The Central Government has to come forward and help the State Government this time also. Otherwise, people will not get anything, and they will have to continue in the relief camps.

