

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding central assistance to Karnataka in the wake of floods and landslides and also announce MSP for agricultural produce.

SHRI PRATAP SIMHA (MYSORE): South interior Karnataka, especially KODAGU and MYSORE Districts continue to receive heavy rains leading to flooding of roads and affecting normal life. South interior Karnataka has witnessed excess rainfall over the last 45 days, which is 30-40% higher than last year. Heavy rains flooded several low-lying areas, leading to overflowing rivers and lakes. There were reports of damages to roads and bridges in the Districts causing hardships to commuters. Many places have been marooned due to overflowing rivers and connectivity to parts of Kodagu District has been badly affected due to landslides.

I urge the Government to provide central assistance in the wake of floods and landslides. Several hectares of farmlands primarily comprising of COFFEE, PEPPER, TOBACCO and ARECANUT have been affected in Kodagu and Mysore Districts due to the continuous downpour. I also urge the Centre for MSP or a Support Price Scheme for Coffee, Tobacco and Arecanut for the benefit of farmers who are facing drop in price of their agricultural produce.