

Title : Regarding heavy rainfall casualties in the state of Kerala

**SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY):** Madam, I am standing here to bring to your attention the pressing matter of heavy rainfall casualties in the State of Kerala. The State of Kerala is in a grave situation where unprecedented floods have caused havoc in the State, resulting in extensive loss of lives and properties, displacement of thousands of people and substantial damage of crops, livestock and infrastructure. The latest State-wise rainfall distribution data from the Indian Meteorological Department indicates that Kerala experienced the second highest percentage of rainfall during the last week with an accumulation of 8.45 centimetres of rain.

I am deeply saddened to report that last week six individuals tragically lost their lives in various rain-related incidents across the State.

As on July 17<sup>th</sup>, around 474 individuals from 143 families have been shifted to 31 relief camps across the State. Besides, power voltage and other infrastructural damages have been affecting the lives of several people in the State. According to the Kerala State Electricity Board, more than a thousand electric poles and several transformers have collapsed during the heavy rain. This has caused a loss of lakhs of rupees.

Keeping in view the magnitude of this disaster, I urge the Central Government to provide immediate assistance to Kerala State to support rescue and relief operations and further allot necessary resources for rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. Also, a comprehensive package should be considered to support the State of Kerala.

Thank you.