

Regarding landslides in Wayanad and flood in several parts of Kerala-laid

DR. M. P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI (PONNANI): I draw the attention of the Government to the most tragic multiple landslides in Wayanad and flooding in several places across Kerala. These disasters caused by continuous heavy rains and thunderstorms have resulted in enormous loss of life. More than 150 persons died, many people injured and several are missing. The livelihoods of thousands have been severely impacted and their houses completely wiped out. The situation has been worsened by several flooding, with rising water levels in rivers Bharathapuzha, Chaliyar, Kadalundi, Thootha etc. Intense rescue operations coordinated by the Central and State Governments along with voluntary public efforts are proceeding. However, there is still need for more support from the Central Government including additional resources for the rescue operations, more forces and medical facilities and enhancement of funding both for rehabilitation and compensation. The changes in climate and monsoon patterns have caused drastic alterations in rainfall in Kerala resulting in increase of the frequency of landslides. There is urgent need, in this background of gravity of calamity for a comprehensive plan of study prevention and solution. The sensitive areas are to be identified and warning should be given to residents. I urge upon the Government to do whatever is needful for giving maximum help to the suffering people.