

Title: Need to provide adequate financial assistance to Government of Orissa for rehabilitation of cyclone victims – Laid.

SHRI PRABHAT SAMANTRAY (KENDRAPARA) : It is a matter of great concern that the victims of super cyclone in Orissa of 1999 October have not yet been suitably rehabilitated. The plight of the cyclone victims is beyond description. They do not have any shelter. They are running from pillar to post to get a dwelling unit. Neither the State Government nor the Centre is able to help them in the matter. They are expected to sun and shower.

The area affected in Orissa is much more than the areas affected in other States in natural calamities in the past. As many as 12 districts were literally washed away. There are virtually no schools and hospitals in these areas now.

In view of this, I demand that the Union Government may monitor the rehabilitation programme in Orissa and rebuild the cyclone affected areas of the State without any further delay. Adequate financial assistance may be given to State Government to meet the situation.

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