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Title : Need to release funds for reconstruction work in flood-affected areas of Kalahandi & Naupada districts in Orissa.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Unprecedented floods during the Monsoon of 2008 has created havoc and thousands of acres of valuable agricultural land has become inundated due to the floods in Tel, Udanti, Ret, Utei and Hati rivers in Kalahandi District and Sunder and Udanti rivers in Naupada District of Orissa.

So, I urge upon the Government to allocate necessary funds from the Flood Management Fund so as to mitigate the problems being faced by the people in the flood-hit areas for building strong Embankments and Spurs.

Already a plan for Rs 600 crores has been made for building embankments in Kalahandi under Western Irrigation Circle Orissa.

I, therefore, request the Ministry of Water Resources to release funds to the Government of Orissa for the above project at the earliest.