

Title: Need to provide compensation to the farmers whose crops were affected due to heavy rain in Alapuzha and Pathanamthitta districts in Kerala.

**SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA):** The farmers of Kuttanad, Upper Kuttanad and Onattukara in Alapuzha District and also Niranam in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala are confronted with.

The paddy cultivators of these areas had to face unforeseen calamity due to heavy rains when the crops were ready for reaping. Crops have been completely devastated in an area of 4000 hectares. The loss calculated is approximately Rs.10 crore. The farmers in these areas depend on loans taken from cooperative banks and other financial institutions for their cultivation activities. The loss of crop rendered these farmers unable even to repay the debts.

In view of the gravity of the situation, I request you to kindly intervene and instruct the authorities concerned to rush relief to the affected farmers in these areas.