

Title: Devastation caused by floods in Patiala parliamentary constituency, Punjab.

SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR (PATIALA): Sir, I rise to mention about the devastating floods in Patiala and Sangrur districts in Punjab. These floods were caused by unprecedented heavy rains on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2004 and as a result, flow of water was 2.55 lakh cusecs in Ghagar river. This has been the highest in the last eight years. Standing crop in 30,000 acres of land in about 352 villages has been badly affected. About eight persons have died and two are reported missing. About 120 cattle heads have died and 800 animals are reported missing. Nearly 20 per cent of the population of Patiala district has suffered extensive damages. There have been damages to bridges, residential houses, school buildings, hospital buildings, veterinary hospitals, water supply system, electric installations, tubewells and water carrier channels at the farm level. There have been 113 breaches in Ghagar, Markanda and Tangri rivers.

I would request that since a comprehensive study has been carried out and the damage is so intense, the Central Government should provide at least Rs.100 crore for immediate relief to all those who have suffered from this natural calamity. Thank you.

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