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SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL (KARAD): The heavy land mass settlements on the Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani Plateau in Satara district of Maharashtra State, which received heavy rainfall, are observed in the recent times. It has caused unprecedented loss to property and farm lands. The said area is also under the seismic zone.

There is a dire need to undertake geological survey/studies of the entire plateau and the adjoining areas in order to ascertain the causes of land settlement and introduce the disaster management plan. The Geological Survey of India has also felt the need to undertake such studies in this area.

I request the Government to look into the matter.