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Title: Need to provide Central assistance for restoration/reconstruction work in flood affected districts of Orissa.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Orissa has suffered devastating floods in five phases between July to August 2006. Out of 30 districts in the State 27 have been badly affected. The death toll was 105 and the number of livestock lost was 1656. The number of houses damaged are 1,20,446.

The total crop area under submergence was 6,82,643 hectares, out of which 50% or more crop-loss has been estimated in an area of 3,09,201 hectares.

There has been extensive damage to public utilities & infrastructure and the Government of Orissa had asked for an central assistance of Rs. 2,38,242 crores for the purpose of reconstruction.

A central team was deputed to assess the damage caused by the floods. The Hon. Prime Minister also visited the State & declared an assistance of Rs. 200 crores out of NCCF. But unfortunately no amount has been released so far.

Orissa is a natural calamity prone state, where the highest number of people 'below poverty line.

I request the Govt. to release the funds announced by the Hon. Prime Minister as well as demanded by the state Govt. of Orissa for early restoration and reconstruction work at flood affected areas of Orissa.

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