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Title: Crops damaged by unseasonal rains in Andhra Pradesh and resultant losses suffered by farmers.

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SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA : Sir, I wish to raise a matter of urgent public importance regarding heavy crop losses suffered by farmers in Andhra Pradesh because of unseasonal heavy rains caused due to persistence of upper air trough over the coast of Andhra Pradesh from 9th to 13th February, 2008.

The preliminary estimates show that an area of about 2.36 lakh hectares is affected in six coastal districts, namely, Prakasam, Krishna, Guntur, Srikakulam, Nellore and Visakhapatnam. In fact, crops were ready for harvest but unseasonal heavy rains have deprived them of their livelihood.

The Central Team has visited the flood affected areas. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for an interim relief of Rs.90 crore for immediate relief. Pending the final report of the Central team, I would request the Union Government to release Rs.90 crore to help the farmers at the earliest to mitigate their sufferings.

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