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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to Idukki district of Kerala for relief measures and reconstruction of roads in view of recent heavy rains in the State.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I draw the attention of the Government towards the huge loss of lives and property due to heavy rains in my parliamentary constituency Idukki, Kerala. The heavy rains and landslides caused severe damage in the district. Due to the calamity 20 persons lost their lives, many got injured, large number of houses collapsed and the roads were damaged. The loss due to damage of agricultural crops alone is more than Rs. 500 crore. I request the Government to declare it as a national disaster and provide maximum financial assistance for relief measures and reconstruction of roads. I also request the Government to set up a permanent unit of NDRF in Idukki.