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Title: Need to give compensation to farmers whose crops got damaged in Punjab.

SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA : Respected Madam, the floods triggered by incessant downpours have submerged a large number of villages in the districts of Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Taran Taran, Kapurthala, Ferozepur, Muktasar, Fazilka and Pathankot districts. Madam, almost 4.5 lakh acres of land has been damaged specially in the whole of Punjab and the border areas. It is evident that the local authorities had no resources to undertake rescue operations on a priority basis. Last year almost Rs.3300 crore had been allocated to the State for canal lining and strengthening of the bunds. The tall claims of the State Government that it has spent several crores of rupees on flood protection measures turned out to be a big untruth....(*Interruptions*) The bunds developed breaches at several places giving anxious moments to the people of the surrounding areas....(*Interruptions*)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : बैठ जाइये, आप सुन लीजिए, क्या हुआ?

â€¦(व्यवधान)

SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA : Some of the villages along the Pakistan border are completely cut off. These floods have become a recurring phenomena in the border belt causing irreparable loss to the standing crops, houses and whatever little infrastructure that exists.

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप सुन लीजिए, आप भी बोल लीजिएगा।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आपको भी बोलने का मौका दे देंगे।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA : These border villages have been getting a step-motherly treatment from the State Government though the Central Government has allocated huge sums to these border States under the Border Area Development Programme.â€¦(*Interruptions*)

Since the flood situation continues to be grim in these border villages along the Indo-Pak border and also taking into account the trail of destruction caused by the deluge, I would request the hon. Defence Minister and the Home Minister (a) to immediately deploy the army and other para-military forces to rescue the villagers from the flood-hit areas and (b) to allocate special funds to Punjab for undertaking the flood protection measures....(*Interruptions*)

And, the last point is that I would request the hon. Chief Minister. They have enough of money. At least they must give a compensation of Rs.25,000 per acre where crops have been totally damaged. This is my request.

अध्यक्ष महोदया : श्री महिन्दर सिंह केपी अपने आपको श्री प्रताप सिंह बाजवा जी के विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करते हैं।