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Title: Need to announce financial relief package for the flood-affected regions of Andhra Pradesh particularly for Nagarkurnool Parliamentary Constituency.

DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGARKURNOOL): From 2.10.2009 to 4.10.2009 severe floods occurred in five districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely Mehboobnagar, Nalgonda, Guntur, Krishna and Kurnool due to the heavy flow of water into the Rivers Krishna and Thungabhadra.

The floods were very severe and devastating causing heavy losses to standing crops in 3 lakh acres, properties, cattle apart from human loss. More than three lakh houses collapsed. In spite of the best efforts by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to secure and save the lives and crops of the flood affected parts of the State, the normalcy has not yet been restored as the funds released from the Government of India is not matching to the loss suffered in Andhra Pradesh.

In my Parliamentary Constituency Nagarkurnool, Alampoor, Gadwal, Wanaparthy and Kollpur assembly segments suffered severe loss in properties, crop loss, house collapses apart from breaching of a number of tanks and ponds. Around 16 mandals and 96 villages got affected, causing displacement of 1,38,000 people, death of 31 people. Hon. Prime Minister had announced Rs. 1,000 crore as relief and released only Rs. 500 crore from NCCF and the Government of India is yet to release another Rs. 500 crore from NCCF after the hon. Prime Minister had personally surveyed the area aerially.

The relief announced by the hon. Prime Minister is very meager as the loss alone due to flood is around Rs. 12,800 crore as per the estimates.

I request the Government of India to announce Rs. 12,800 crore as relief for recent floods as many of the villages on the banks of Rivers Krishna and Thungabhadra are to be rehabilitated and rebuilt to save the people from any untoward eventuality which might occur in future.