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Title: Need to provide adequate financial help to the farmers in Marathwada region of Maharashtra who suffered heavy losses due to damage to their crops caused by heavy & unseasonal rains.

SHRI GANESHRAO NAGORAO DUDHGAONKAR (PARBHANI): I would like to raise the issue of unpleasant and distressed situations among farmers in Maharashtra, particularly in Marathwada region due to un-seasonal rains during the last two months. This has caused heavy loss to the standing agricultural crops in Maharashtra and majority of the farmers are trapped in financial crisis. Many agricultural crops such as rice, wheat, cotton, vegetables and fruits are also expected to suffer badly particularly in Marathwada. The condition of the farmers particularly small farmers is worse due to untimely rain. They have suffered huge financial losses and are in distress. I urge the Union Government to take appropriate steps to help the affected farmers immediately.

I request the Government to send an expert committee to assess the losses to the farmers due to heavy and unseasonal rains in Maharashtra and to provide the maximum financial help to the farmers to overcome this financial distress.