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Title: Need to release a special financial package to repair national highways in Kerala.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Sir, I thank you for permitting me to raise this serious issue.

Due to heavy and continuous rain, Kerala is facing devastation and destruction. A number of people have died throughout Kerala. Many families are facing hardships due to damage to property and destruction of crops. Many families in the hilly regions are facing starvation. In northern Malabar, a lot of houses have been destroyed due to felling of trees and landslides. Road and rail transport are badly affected. Many houses on the banks of the rivers are facing threat of flood.

The hilly areas of district Kannur, which is my constituency, are facing threat of landslides. National highways in Kerala, especially those in Kannur, are in a bad shape due to incessant rain. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to repair the national highways and to release a special financial package to the State of Kerala to tide over these difficulties. Thank you.