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Title: Regarding providing necessary help for rescue, relief and rehabilitation to the flood affected people of Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam Speaker, I thank you very much for allowing me though my notice was not in the list even when I had given it earlier during the stipulated time.

Odisha is reeling now under very serious floods. A large number of area is getting inundated. The River Mahanadi is in full spate. Some weeks ago, Odisha was facing severe drought, but that is how nature has taken revenge to a certain extent.

More than 13 lakh cusecs of water is now flowing in the River Mahanadi but the embankment can hold only 10 lakh cusecs. Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Nayagarh and Jajpur are the districts under flood water. Rivers Subarnarekha, Budhabalanga, Kansabansa and Salandi are in spate and large areas of Balasore and Bhadrak districts are also inundated. Baitrani and Brahmani Rivers have also flooded large areas of Odisha. Around 12 lakh to 15 lakh people have been marooned and those who have been rendered homeless have been shifted to temporary shelters. I would also like to mention here that till 11 o'clock no breaches have taken place but once some breach takes place large tracts of area would be inundated and many people would be rendered homeless. That is how serious the situation is. Flood water and also backwater of different rivers are creating havoc. Khurda Bolangir has been cut-off; Banki of my constituency in my district also has been cut-off.

I am thankful that the Home Minister is present here. I would urge upon the Government to provide all necessary help to Orissa Government for rescue, for relief and for rehabilitation of the affected people. I would be very happy if the Home Minister can respond to this issue.

गृह मंत्री (श्री राजनाथ सिंह) : अध्यक्ष महोदया, ज्यों ही उड़ीसा में फ्लड क्वेश्चन के बारे में हमें जानकारी प्राप्त हुई, मैंने तुरंत उड़ीसा के मुख्य मंत्री, श्री नवीन पटनायक जी से बात की। जो भी आवश्यक सहायता केन्द्र के द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई जा सकती थी, वह हमने उपलब्ध कराने की उनसे बात कही, उन्होंने मुझे इस बात की जानकारी भी दी कि जो नेशनल डिजास्टर रिस्पांस फोर्स होती है, वह वहां पर पहुंच चुकी है और स्टेट के पास स्टेट डिजास्टर रिस्पांस फंड होता है, जिसमें 75 परसेंट कंट्रीब्यूशन सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट का होता है। मैंने मुख्यमंत्री जी को यह कहा है कि उसमें यदि और किसी भी प्रकार के हमारे सहयोग की आवश्यकता हो तो हम फ्लड से पीड़ित लोगों का सहयोग करने के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार हैं।

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): I thank the Home Minister for this response.