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Title: Need to provide comprehensive relief and rehabilitation to families affected by 'Hudhud' Cyclone.

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) (ANAKAPALLI): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. As the House is well aware, the State of Andhra Pradesh has been devastated by the Hudhud Cyclone. It was an unprecedented cyclone in the history of this country. It had caused a large scale destruction to the crops, infrastructure, flora and fauna.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to sanction Rs. 21,000 crore as a relief fund to undertake the rehabilitation works. In this connection, the hon. Prime Minister was kind enough to announce the financial relief of Rs. 1,000 crore immediately. Up till now, the Central Government has released only Rs. 600 crore. They have yet to release Rs. 400 crore. In the absence of this amount, we are not able to provide relief and rehabilitation to all affected people in a comprehensive manner.

I would further like to request the Central Government to sanction the sufficient amount asked by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in order to cover all affected people. In the last Session also I have raised the same issue. Already five months are over. Our hon. Venkaiah Naiduji had already witnessed this problem. So, the balance amount should immediately be released. No capital is there in our State. We are already running a deficit budget. Our hon. Chief Minister is running the State with a very great difficulty.

Therefore, through you, I urge upon the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, to release the remaining amount of Rs. 400 crore immediately.

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