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Title: Need to provide relief and rehabilitation to the people affected by floods in Assam.

*SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): Hon. Madam Speaker, flood situation in Assam has worsened as nearly more than 19 lakh people have been seriously affected by the current wave of flood. The mighty river Brahmaputra and its tributaries Buridihing, puthimari, jiabharali, Dhansiri, Beki, Sonkosh, Subansiri and few others crossed danger mark along Nimatighat, Tezpur, Goalpara, Dhubri and Guwahati inundating new areas. Apart from the houses and business establishments a number of roads, embankments and other infrastructures have been severely damaged and over 2 lakh hectares of crop have been completely destroyed. Brahmaputra and its tributaries have submerged thousands of villages bringing untold miseries to the people living in those areas. Altogether 28 districts have been badly hit by the current wave of flood in Assam in which several people also lost their lives. Flood waters have wreaked havoc to the world famous Kaziranga National Park and the world famous river island Majuli.

Madam, Assam has been suffering from the problems of flood for the past several decades. A permanent solution is urgently needed to save this poor state from the twin problems of flood and erosion. While the state government is making all out effort to speed up the relief and rescue operation, I urge upon the central government to help the state government with adequate financial support in this hour of crisis. I would also like to request the Central government not only to take measures to control flood and erosion but also to take appropriate measures as soon as possible to provide relief and rehabilitation to the affected people who are without food and shelter for days together. Thank you.

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