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Title: Need to release two thousand crores of rupees to State Government of Karnataka to meet the damage caused due to heavy rains in the State.

SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA (KOLAR): The cyclone and heavy rain during the last two months have created a havoc in many parts of the country, particularly, in States like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Assam. In Karnataka alone more than 300 persons have lost their lives and thousands of houses have been destroyed in the rain havoc. The loss of cattle in this nature's fury exceeds one thousand. The total loss of property in Karnataka State is estimated to be more than Rs.2000 crore.

The State Government of Karnataka has already sent a memorandum to the Government of India seeking a total assistance of Rs.1226 crore. A central team consisting of 12 Members has already visited the rain-affected districts of Karnataka and assessed the total damage caused.

The Government of India have already released Rs.50 crore as announced by the hon. Prime Minister as "interim assistance" after undertaking an aerial survey of the affected-districts.

Now, there is an urgent need to rush assistance from the Centre to the affected-districts in Karnataka.

I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Prime Minister and the Agriculture Minister to release Rs.2000 crore immediately to the State Government and rescue the people of these rain affected-districts of Karnataka without any further delay.