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**Title: Regarding declaration of flood and erosion of Assam as a National Disaster**

**SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE (BARPETA):** Assam with its vast network of rivers is prone to flood and erosion and the state suffers every year. As per Assam government's report of 2018, 7.4% of land or an area 15% bigger than Goa has been lost due to erosion since 1950. Unfortunately, till date erosion has not made to the list of natural calamities. Erosion and flood have been destroying life, properties, livestock, agriculture and economy year after year.

Every year, thousands of people become homeless due to erosion and are left with absolutely nothing. They find place in temporary shelters and are left to feed for themselves after a few weeks. These people are very poor and find it difficult to rebuild their houses as they are now landless due to erosion and have little or no earnings. These homeless people should be given "Homeless Certificate" by administration so that they can avail whatever government aid is provided. Government should also come up with a concrete approach for these people in distress.

Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister to give special attention to this annual distress suffered by the people of my state and declare Flood and Erosion of Assam a National Disaster.