

**Regarding grant of relief package for cyclone affected people in Andhra Pradesh and reassessment of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project ?
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SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET): leaving farmers in Guntur and Palnadu regions with substantial losses. With over 22 lakh acres of crops damaged and an estimated loss exceeding Rs. 7,000 crores, the aftermath paints a bleak picture. The impact is widespread, affecting crops such as rice, chilies, chickpeas, turmeric, and tobacco, which are now submerged under water, leading to sprouting and rendering them unsalvageable. Farmers, already grappling with substantial investments exceeding Rs. one lakh per acre for chilies and tobacco cultivation, are in a distressed situation. The extensive damage extends to fruit and flower gardens, compounding the economic toll. Moreover, the paddy fields, covering around 12 lakh acres, have also suffered severe losses due to waterlogging, impacting the livelihoods of countless farmers. I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Home Affairs to assist distressed farmers facing huge losses. Additionally, we urge upon the Government to release Rs. 5000 crore as a relief package to aid the farmers who have suffered significant losses due to the cyclone. Moreover, the situation calls for a reassessment and augmentation of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, especially given the country's escalating cyclone and coastal vulnerability.