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Title: Need to grant full subsidy on Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana in Orissa

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The worst natural calamity of the millennium in India was perhaps the terrible Super Cyclone, which ravaged the State of Orissa in 1999. Before it could recover fully from the trauma of the Super Cyclone and complete restoration and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas, it continued to be visited by unprecedented floods in 2001 and severe drought which affected all the districts of Orissa in 2002. Due to these facts, the financial position of the State has deteriorated to a great extent. As a result of the difficult resource position, the State Government is unable to provide its 50 per cent share for the newly launched scheme named Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana. Though the beneficiaries are from Below the Poverty Line and have been repeatedly affected by natural calamities, one after another, the State Government is unable to pay this 50 per cent share.

I urge upon the Government to consider to fully subsidise this Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana for urban poor and treat it at par with Indira Awas Yojana as it is being implemented in rural areas.