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Title : Need to provide relief to flood affected people of Kalahandi and Nuapara districts of Orissa under Disaster Management Scheme.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): There was unprecedented and incessant rainfall in the Kalahandi Parliamentary constituency on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 which was more than 7000 m.m. and the District in the two days received rainfall which should have been distributed through the year. The Government of Orissa and the District administration were completely unaware with this type of deluge which has resulted in heavy damage to the infrastructure and agriculture operation like paddy sowing, and Cotton cultivation due to stagnation of water and heavy sand casting alongside all the major rivers of the District namely Tel, Hati and Sagada in the District of Kalahandi and Udanti in the District of Nuapara. Most of the embankment have breached and have to be restored. Also seed at subsidized rate and free distribution of seed kits to small and marginal farmers should be provided within 7 days as the seasonal sowing period is going away. A special emergent natural calamity meeting was called on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the District level to assess the damage which is quite high compared to a back-ward District like Kalahandi. So I would like to request the Ministry of Home Affairs to implement the Disaster Management Scheme in letter and Spirit for the District of Kalahandi and Nuapara.