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Title: Need to provide a relief package for drought hit Kerala.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): The reduced monsoon rain in the year 2012-13 has caused severe concerns among Kerala's agrarian community as the State witnessed a decrease of 24% in south western monsoon and 35% in north eastern monsoon rains. The majority of Kerala's agrarian population suffered enormous crop losses and as much as 305787 hectares of agriculture produce has been adversely affected. Kerala's estimated loss due to this crisis stands at around Rs. 5,810 crores. Wayanad district is the worst affected among all districts and a loss of Rs. 1766 crores is estimated. Wayanad being a tribal district and a minority district that sustains on small scale agriculture is already suffering losses from the previous spells of farming crisis. Considering this situation, I would request the Union Government to consider the case of Kerala as a special one and immediately release a drought relief package and also declare an immediate moratorium on agriculture loans.