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Title: Need to appoint a high level scientific committee to study and suggest remedies to prevent man-made calamities.

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM (KAKINADA): Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Now-a-days Climate Change is directly influencing the lives of the people of India. Recent floods and heavy rains in Chennai, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Nepal earthquake, Kurnool submergence, and water flown over Srisailam dam are a few such examples. Natural calamities and man-made calamities are two different classifications. Heavy rains are natural calamities whereas floods are mostly man-made calamities. Preparedness of the Governments to face such eventualities is highly questionable.

We allow the people to encroach the banks of the rivers, drains, water bodies and what not? National Highways are working as check dams, arresting the free flow of water. Under the guise of development and urbanization, we are forgetting the very path and basic principles. Water goes down freely is the natural principle, which we always forget. The result is the Chennai devastation which we are witnessing with our naked eyes. Innocent people are put to great sufferings and loss of life. Let us at least find solutions now to these man-made calamities. Let us scientifically gear up the system.

I would request the Government to appoint a high level scientific committee to study and suggest remedies to put a full stop to these man-made calamities.