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Title: Need to declare the recent floods in Assam as National Calamity.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): Severe hail storm with thunder-bolts disrupted the daily life of people of NE states including Assam. The continuous rain brought flood-like situation in Assam and it is getting worst in different parts of Karimganj and Hailakandi districts in my constituency as well as Dhubri, Goalpara and Barpeta districts of Assam. A number of houses were damaged, farmers lost their Rabi crops at different parts of the state including Sanbeel, Ratabeel, Ratabeel, Tapang blocks and the other areas of my constituency. At least 13 people lost their lives because of thunder in different parts of Assam while 19 people died in landside in Arunachal Pradesh. Newly connected BG line from Lumping to Silchar was disrupted. Daily life of the inhabitants of these areas has become miserable due to natural calamities. This is an every year phenomenon that flood and erosion create disaster and make lives of people difficult in Assam. Today, when the flood-like situation is looming over Assam, I on behalf of our party is demanding to declare the flood, erosion and hail storm in Assam as National Calamity and sanction sufficient funds to disaster management authority for relief, rehabilitation and other requisite measures.