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Title : Regarding drought situation prevailing in Karnataka.

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): Karnataka is having drought for a third year and apparently its worst in about four decades. Farmers missed sowing during both the kharif and rabi seasons. Out of 176 taluks, 139 have been declared drought-hit, leading to migration of thousands to cities. Only the coastal districts have escaped the water problem. The rain fall in the state is 31 per cent less than normal. The total estimated loss due to drought in the state is Rs. 17,193 crore and Government of Karnataka has submitted a memorandum seeking central assistance of Rs. 4,702.54 crore for drought mitigation measures in Karnataka during Kharif 2016. Therefore, I request to the Union Government to give immediate attention to this matter and take necessary steps to release the money at the earliest.