

Title: Requests the Central Government to send a team to assess the loss due to land slide in the Idukki District and need to release assistance to the State Government of Kerala.

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (IDUKKI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with a great sense of sorrow, I want to report to this House and also seek the indulgence of the Government on a very devastating land slide which has happened in my constituency. The monsoon comes to Kerala with all its fury...(Interruptions).

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका नाम यहां लिस्ट में है।

I will allow you.

SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Sir, the devastating floods in my constituency Idukki in Kerala have taken away many lives and destroyed large areas of agricultural land. Land slide, which is a natural calamity, happens very often in Kerala. Unfortunately, we are remaining a mute witness to this natural calamity...(Interruptions).

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका नाम भी लिस्ट में है, मैं आपको बुलाऊंगा। प्लीज़ बैठिये।

12.41 hrs (Shri P.M. Sayeed in the Chair)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those hon. Members who want to go out may please go out quietly. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Mr. Chairman, Sir, this natural calamity which has occurred in the Ramli Assembly constituency of my parliamentary constituency Idukki, has destroyed acres and acres of agricultural land and one whole family has perished. Land slides are happening very often in my constituency, Idukki. In the last fifteen days, in Adimaly, in Keerithode and also at four places in Seethathode Panchayat, land slides have destroyed many acres of agricultural land and one whole family has perished. The Central Government should send a team to the Idukki constituency and to the Idukki district, and also to the Ramli Assembly constituency. This is a natural calamity of a very serious magnitude. Every time the Central Government says that it is waiting for a report. This is a very serious matter. Many people have died and many areas of agricultural land have been destroyed.(Interruptions).

सभापति महोदय : अगर आपका नाम लिस्ट में है तो मैं आपको बुलाऊंगा।

SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Sir, this natural calamity is happening very often during the monsoon periods. If the Central Government is not sending a team, full justice cannot be done to the State of Kerala. I seek the indulgence of the Government that they should send a team to assess the loss due to this natural calamity in the Idukki parliamentary constituency in Kerala.

">PROF. P.J. KURIEN (MAVELIKARA): Thank you, Chairman Sir. I would like to raise the same issue which is raised by Shri Chacko. There has occurred a landslide in the State of Kerala, specially in Idukki district at places called Seethithode, Adimaly, Keerithode etc. A large number of cattle have lost their lives. Many casualties have taken place and agriculture has suffered a substantial loss. I only request the Government of India - the Agriculture Minister is not here, but the Finance Minister is here - that the Central Government should immediately release some assistance to the State of Kerala from their special fund because when such things happened last time, the Central Government did not respond in time. That is our complaint. Please do something immediately so that these victims are given some compensation. That is all I have to submit.