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Title: Need to provide special financial package to Kerala affected by cyclone 'Ockhi'

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (VADAKARA): Ockhi cyclone was one of the worst disasters that struck the state of Kerala. So far 66 bodies have reportedly been recovered and search operations for missing persons are continuing. According to official reports, around 100 persons are still missing. The cyclone devastated the coastal areas of the state and the fishing community is struggling for survival. I request the Union Government to take urgent necessary steps to save the State from this disastrous situation and rehabilitate the fisher folk there living along the coast. I call upon the Government to work out a better warning and communication system to alert the states and reach the people in times of natural calamities. The Government of Kerala has requested financial support and a special package to meet the unprecedented calamity. I urge the Government to provide early assistance.

