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Title: Need to send a team of officials to assess the flood situation in Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Madam Speaker, due to heavy flood situation in Kerala, the farmers in Kuttanad, who are farming paddy, have been badly affected. For majority of the paddy fields, the outer bund is broken and water has entered into the fields. The second cycle of agriculture, means *punjai*, is washed out. It has resulted in a loss of crores and crores of rupees to the farmers. Since the outer bund of the *padasekharams* is very weak, the water has flown into the paddy fields. Therefore, I would like to request the Government, through you Madam, that the second phase of Kuttanad Package, which is already there, should be taken up and Rs. 1,000 crore immediately allotted for reconstructing the outer bund of the *padasekharams*. It is only then that we can prevent the heavy rainfall water from flowing into the fields.

Hon. Madam, you are also very much aware of the Kuttanad situation. Farmers are crying. Their entire crop of agriculture has already gone. The situation is very serious. That is why, I would like to request, through you Madam, the Agriculture Minister and Water Resources Minister to send a team of their officials to assess the situation and take necessary steps.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: I know it.