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Title: Need to provide special package to Kerala affected by floods.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (VADAKARA): The floods that hit Kerala in July 2018 were one of the worst disasters the world has seen this year. The calamity was of unprecedented severity and 493 people lost their lives, more than 16000 houses were destroyed or damaged and around 4 lakh people were affected. 60,000 hectares of agriculture land were severely affected and 15,400 kms of roads damaged. The State's infrastructure and economy was battered and it will take a long time for recovery. Studies have estimated the total loss incurred by the state stood at Rs.31000 crore. Government of Kerala has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government requesting for an assistance of Rs. 5616 crore. The state is struggling for reconstruction and relief activities. This should be treated as a calamity of rare severity and a special package may be provided to Kerala.