

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

Relief to flood affected State of Assam

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I have to raise the issue of flood situation in Assam. Due to heavy rainfall in the foothills of Bhutan and other mountain areas, a large number of people are getting affected due to floods in the foothill areas and subsequently to the other areas.

Sir, lakhs of hectares of land are affected, houses are affected, the crops are affected and the people are living in temporary camps and in the embankments.

Sir, over and above the natural calamity, the NEEPCO has released water from their Baandh making entire Golaghat and Upper Assam area flooded due to the artificial flood. That is not natural calamity. That is artificial calamity because the NEEPCO has released the water without warning the people, without warning the local people. Even when people went to protest about that, they were stopped and they could not register their protest.

I want the Government to take immediate action so that the NEEPCO or other people who are maintaining the baandh should not release water and create artificial flood in the foothill and other areas of Assam. Thank you very much, Sir.

SHRI K.G. KENYE (Nagaland): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Zero Hour Mention made by the hon. Member.

Need to rename the State of West Bengal as 'Bangla'

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I am making this Zero Hour submission in this august House to urge upon the Union Government to clear the name 'Bangla' in place of West Bengal as unanimously passed by the West Bengal State Assembly.

Sir, West Bengal came into existence due to the partition of Bengal during our Independence. West Bengal and East Bengal came into existence when the Radcliffe Line