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SHRI JOSE K. MANI (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with what the hon. Member has said.

श्री उपसभापति: माननीय सदस्यगण, मैं डा.सस्मित पात्रा को बुलाऊँ, इससे पहले मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि श्रीमती सरोजिनी हेम्व्रम जी ने आज संथाली में बोला। बड़ी तादाद में जो आदिवासी भाई इस भाषा को बोलते हैं, उनके लिए आज का दिन बहुत प्रसन्नता का दिन है, जैसी भावना माननीय चेयरमैन साहब ने भी व्यक्त की। चूँकि मैं उस इलाके में लम्बे समय से रहा हूँ, इसलिए मेरे लिए भी यह बेहद प्रसन्नता की बात है।

डा. सस्मित पात्रा जी।

Need for Special Focus Status to States facing natural disasters

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I stand to demand Special Focus Status for the States facing natural calamities. And, I will make a case for it in my submission.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, in its report Economic Losses and Poverty Disasters, 1998-2017, states that India suffered an economic loss of approximately 79.5 billion US dollars, which comes to around five lakh seventy thousand crores of rupees, due to climate-related disasters in the last twenty years.

Sir, with reference to this, I would like to give a simple fact about Odisha in terms of climate disasters as well. On August 6th, 2019, hon. Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik ji, released a Damage Assessment Report on the cyclone Fani, which devastated Odisha this year. The Report said that the total damage and loss was to the tune of rupees twenty-four thousand crores, and the recovery needed rupees thirty thousand

crores. This is the case of only one cyclone. This is the kind of impact that we have because of natural disasters. According to the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are the four States which face the maximum brunt of national disasters in the country over the past century. Therefore, a special focus is required for such States which actually face this kind of national calamity. In this regard, the hon. Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaikji, on 11th June, 2019, in a meeting with the hon. Prime Minister, and also on 15th June, 2019, in the Governing Council of the NITI Aayog, suggested that an interim measure for States that are hit by natural calamities should be undertaken and such States, for a specific period of time, should be mentioned as special-focussed States and be provided benefits which accrue to a special category State till such time that they are able to recover from the economic losses that they have faced. This would mean that the Central assistance or support that is provided would be in the ratio of 90:10 between the Centre and the State for all programmes. Therefore, I urge, through you, to the hon. Government to kindly consider that the States which face national calamities may kindly be considered seriously and be declared as 'Special Focus States', as has been suggested by Naveen Patnaikji'. Thank you.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI : Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M. SHANMUGAM: Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

श्री उपसभापति: जो माननीय सदस्यगण एसोसिएट करना चाहते हैं, वे कृपया लिखकर भेज दें।