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Flood losses pegged at over ₹9,400 cr.

Minister admits estimate is likely to go in the cause of the end rules all his other

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In the midst of floods, the State government has revised the estimate of losses caused due to rains and floods this monsoon to ₹9,440.8 crore. The amount is likely to go up as several areas were affected by floods last week. "At this moment, we are not sure what the total consequences will be," Revenue Minister R. Ashok told the Legislative Council on Monday.

Responding during a discussion on the flood and rain fury in North Karnataka raised by Leader of the Opposition S.R. Patil, the Minister said that preparations anticipating heavy rainfall were started a month ago and that had reduced the loss of human and cattle lives. The State, he said, was also in the process of adding more taluks to the "flood-hit" list.

On the huge gap between the estimated loss of ₹33,000 crore and the relief of ₹1,800 crore received by the State from the Centre, Mr. Ashok said that National Disaster Response Fund norms were very old. "I have written letters to the Centre stating that the compensa-

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tion amount fixed for damage to private properties and lives were too low and that it may not be of help to flood victims. The latter has been referred to the homon Henance Ministry. Even shough it may not help during this flood season, if the proposal is accepted it will be of help to all States," he said.

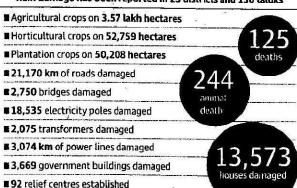
Meanwhile, he said Karnataka was building a permanent complex with community kitchen, medical care centre, and adequate number of bathrooms and toilets to house people displaced in Hood-prone areas.



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa speaking in the Assembly on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Losses due to rains since April 1

Rain damage has been reported in 23 districts and 130 taluks



Closing compensation

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■ 6,714 people in such centres

The government is considering clo. ing the compensation to be paid to those who have taken a part of money for house damage during last monsoon, but have not started construction.

Revenue Minister R.

Ashok said 5,779 persons who had taken ₹1 lakh had not started work on

then home. We are
thinking organing notice
to such persons and close
it [the compensation]. I
will hold discussions with
the Chief Minister," he
said. So far, 1,895 persons
have claimed the full
compensation of ₹5 lakh.
"An amount of ₹911 crore
has been kept aside for
compensation payment.
People are not coming
forward," he said.

Have not got caste census report: Minister

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Minister for Backward Classes Welfare B. Sriramulu on Monday said that the State government had not received the report on the caste census conducted by Karnataka Backward Classes Commission in 2015.

Responding to a question by BJP member K.P. Nanjundi on the status of the report, he said former commission chairman Kantaraju's term had expired and hence he had not submitted the react to the journment. He said die commission had spent ₹162.77 crore on the cer sus.

Mr. Sriramulu said that since nobody was heading the commission now, the government had not received the report. He also said that he would soon discuss the matter with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and request him to appoint someone so that the report is received.