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Kerala, Flood, Presence of MLAs, Flood Affected Areas

CONSTITUENCIES UNDER SIEGE: WHERE ARE THE MLAS?

With several places witnessing the worst floods in two decades, *Express* does a reality check on the presence of people's representatives in affected areas

ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Chellanam**

Local MLA: **K J Maxi (CPM)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

Though various areas in West Kochi got inundated, the situation was manageable. In Chellanam, I visited the relief camp the other day. We have requested Revenue officials to complete the assessment of damage at the earliest so that we can take steps to avail relief funds

K J Maxi

MLA K J Maxi visited the camp only on Wednesday. The camps were opened on Sunday. The rains hit Kerala almost 10 days ago. The MLAs should at least show the responsibility to visit the place during such incidents and lend a helping hand to the public — Gerwin, local resident

KOZHIKODE DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Karinchola**

Local MLA: **Karat Razak (Independent)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

The govt has already disbursed compensation to those who had lost their houses. A sum of ₹4 lakh has been given to families who lost their members. Revenue officials are preparing a list of those whose houses had suffered partial damage. Once they prepare the list and submit it to the government, funds will be released

Karat Razak

I had lost my house. Though the government has disbursed the first installment of the compensatory amount, I haven't received a single penny. My son and I are now living at the house of my daughter — Jameela, local resident

WAYANAD DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Mananthavady**

Local MLA: **O R Kelu (CPM)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

I have visited all the affected spots. The magnitude of the rain has come down now. Relief camps have been opened to accommodate those whose houses are under water. Revenue officials are taking stock of the total loss. Once the list is prepared, action will be taken to disburse the compensatory amount

O R Kelu

Rain has come down but our house is still under water. It has been more than a week since I have come to the relief camp. We hope to return to our house soon. The condition of the house needs to checked — Balan, local resident

ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Kuttanad**

Local MLA: **Thomas Chandy (NCP)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **No**

Due to health reasons, I was unable to visit the place. My team is helping the government department for distributing food and water to the affected people. Three boats were allotted for rescue operations and distribution of food. I visited the PM with the state delegation. I have asked the Navy and they agreed to join rescue operations

Thomas Chandy

The MLA has not visited the affected areas. The utter neglect towards the constituency is evident in his attitude'

B K Vinod, local resident

MALAPPURAM DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Ponnani**

Local MLA: **P Sreeramakrishnan (CPM)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

KASARGOD DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Velarikkundu**

Local MLA: **M Rajagopalan (CPM)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **No**

Though the taluk is being battered by incessant rain, there is no flooding or displacement of people. In fact, there was little flood in my entire constituency

M Rajagopalan

People wade through the flooded AC Road | ARUN ANGELA

KANNUR DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Iritty**

Local MLA: **Sunny Joseph (Congress)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

This is the worst monsoon that has hit the region in years. The lives of the people were affected badly. The government should act swiftly to alleviate the miseries of the people. Compensation should be given as soon as possible, especially for those who had lost their houses — Sunny Joseph

It has been raining here since June. Farmers are the most affected as almost all the farmers have lost their crops in the continuous rain. People are living under the fear of yet another outbreak of landslides

Unmesh Payam, local resident

KOLLAM DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Kunnathur**

Local MLA: **Kovoor Kunjumon (RSP)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

More relief camps were opened to accommodate the families affected. When the shutters of Thenmala dam were opened, we arranged special boats to rescue people marooned in Peringalam

Kovoor Kunjumon

KOTTAYAM DISTRICT

Worst-hit area: **Ettumanoor**

Local MLA: **K Suresh Kurup (CPM)**

Has the MLA visited affected areas: **Yes**

All measures were taken to provide assistance for the affected persons. Moreover, officers are making all-out efforts and working overtime to ensure all facilities at relief camps

K Suresh Kurup