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Dear Friend,

At a time, when we are engaged in rebuilding Kerala, which was heavily devastated by two consecutive floods, our state is confronted with a grave natural calamity of unprecedented proportions. Only with a heavy heart can I speak of the landslide that occurred in Wayanad the other day.

We have lost many precious human lives. Besides, there has been heavy loss of property, both private and public. The miseries due to landslides and the subsequent floods will not cease in the near future. We are yet to estimate the losses, arising out of this natural calamity. We can assess it only when the flood recedes.

It is a matter of pride that we have been able to rise to the occasion and meet the challenge on a war footing, roping in the services of Army, Navy and Air Force besides that of our Police, Fire Force, NDRF and a fleet of selfless volunteers and the local people. Effective co-ordination that began, minutes after the occurrence of the disaster has greatly helped in mitigating this misery to a great extent and in rescuing numerous lives that were on the brink of catastrophe.

The most important task before us at present is to restore normalcy. Then, we have to help to rebuild the area that has been devastated and ensure livelihoods to those affected by the landslide and flood. Both this reconstruction and rehabilitation are great tasks. I would request you all to come together and join this effort in these moments of crisis.

Our pravasi brothers and sisters have always stood for Kerala's progress, especially during its times of need. I am sure that this time around too, you will selflessly ensure that Kerala overcomes. The current situation demands from us the unity that was evident amongst us during the previous calamities.

Time has come to recapture that very same spirit once again. I earnestly appeal to all our pravasi brothers and sisters to contribute generously to 'Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund', to overcome the challenges ahead of us.

Yours sincerely,

Pinarayi Vijayan

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Branch: City Branch, Thiruvananthapuram
IFS Code: SBIN0070028
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