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Cannot declare State floods as national calamity: Minister

categorically Saturday ruled out the possibility of getting recent floods declared as a national calamity. Responding to the demand by the Congress, Ministers R. Ashok and J.C. Madhuswamy said it was not possible as getting the national calamity tag required a lot of procedures. Not satisfied with the reply, the Congress staged a dharna in the well of the House.

The State government on 13/10/19 crease in the compensation to those who have lost houses from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh. We are not satisfied with the government's reply to our discussion on flood," Opposition leader S.R. Patil said. In the midst of the dharna, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa tabled the Finance Bill and it was approved. The dharna continued till the House was adjourned.

Relief for handloom units

The State government will pay compensation of ₹25,000 to those whose handloom units have been damaged during the floods, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said in the council. He said the compensation of ₹25,000, which is being paid to powerloom weavers, will be extended to handloom weavers. When he sought Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's permission for the same, he agreed.

Houses adjourned sine die

The Assembly and Council of the State legislature were adjourned sine die on Saturday ending the three-day winter session during which the State

Budget was passed. While Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri adjourned the Assembly, chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty adjourned the Council.