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COONOOR/OOTY: Coonoor municipality is seeking Rs 100 crore from the government for undertaking flood-related relief measures.

"Last week's flood damage in municipal area has been unprecedented. Landslides and minor slips had occurred in over 300 spots. Some 50 houses have collapsed and 300 were damaged. Nearly 600 persons have been accommodated in four relief centres. As much as 34.7 km of the 68 km of road in the municipality have been damaged heavily. Totally, 136 drains have suffered damage," M Ramasamy, municipal chairman, told Express on Thursday.

"So far, we have estimated the restoration cost at Rs 62.71 crore covering roads at Rs 8.93 crore, revetments Rs 42.3 crore, drainage Rs 8.92 crore, municipal building Rs 1.4 crore, drinking water Rs 45 lakh, street lights Rs 28 lakh andwater sources Rs 44 lakh. We are continuing with our survey and estimates. In all, we are seeking Rs 100 crore from the government for undertaking restoration works," the municipal chairman said.

Work on building 100 houses begins: The Nilgiris district administration began the works for the construction of 100 temporary houses for the flood-hit families in the hill district on Thursday.