

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 763**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 3, 1945 (SAKA)

LOSSES CAUSED BY CYCLONE BIPARJOY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cyclone 'Biparjoy' has struck various States in the country particularly the States of Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Assam;

(b) if so, the details of damage caused to agricultural crops, livestock and infrastructure along with the number of persons killed/displaced/ injured due to the said cyclone, State/UT-wise including Assam;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the cyclone 'Biparjoy' and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has announced any relief/package/assistance to the affected States and plans to compensate the farmers, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the central team has visited the affected States to assess the damage caused by the cyclone and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the number of cyclones that have struck various coastal parts of the country during each of the last five years; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for coordination among all concerned departments to minimize the losses due to cyclones and natural calamities in the near future?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (e): Cyclone 'Biparjoy' had crossed North Gujarat between Mandvi (Gujarat) and Karachi (Pakistan) close to Jakhau Port on 15th June 2023 and weakened into a depression over Rajasthan in the evening on 17th June 2023.

As per memorandum/ situation reports received from the affected State Governments, details of reported damages/ losses are given as under:-

(Provisional)				
State	Human live lost	Houses/ huts damaged	Livestock lost	Cropped area affected (in lakh ha.)
Gujarat	--	10458	3266	1.33
Rajasthan	07	6492	878	--

As per the National Disaster Management Policy, the primary responsibility for disaster management, including undertaking assessment of the impact of cyclone, rests with the State Governments concerned. The State

Governments provide financial relief to the affected people in the event of notified natural disasters, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at its disposal, in accordance with approved items and norms of Government of India (GOI). However, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

In order to support the affected people of the State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan, after the cyclone 'Biparjoy' the Central Government has released an assistance of Rs. 1140 crore to Gujarat and Rs. 653.60 crore to Rajasthan from SDRF, for immediate relief operations. In addition, as reported by State Accountant General, an amount of Rs. 1159.60 crore is available in SDRF account of Gujarat Government and Rs. 3181.22 crore in SDRF account of Rajasthan Government as on 1st April 2023 for management of relief necessitated by notified natural disasters, including cyclone in the affected areas during 2023-24. As of now no Inter-Ministerial-Central Team has visited the affected States for assessment of the damage.

(f): As per information received from India Meteorological Department (IMD), details of cyclones struck various coastal parts of the country during the last five years, are given as under:

Year	Name of cyclone	Year	Name of cyclone
2018	DAYE	2020	AMPHAN
	TITLI		NISARGA
	GAJA		NIVAR
	PHETHAI		BUREVI
2019	PABUK	2021	TAUKTAE
	FANI		YAAS
	BUL BUL		GULAAB
		2022	ASANI
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(g): The National Crisis Management Committee (NCCM), headed by Cabinet Secretary, monitors and coordinates the situation with the affected States and Central Ministries/ Agencies concerned during major natural calamities, including cyclone. Indian Metrological Department (IMD) issue regular and precise forecasts & warning bulletins to all the affected/ likely affected States/ UTs.

There are well established institutional mechanisms at the National, State & District levels in the country for taking appropriate preparedness and prompt response measures for effective management of natural disasters. Central Government has established a robust early warning system and

has significantly enhanced the accuracy of weather forecasts/ likely impacted area. Mock exercises and community awareness programmes are being regularly conducted to create awareness among people.

The measures taken by the Central and State Governments have significantly improved the disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention and response mechanisms resulting in significant reduction in casualties during natural calamities, including cyclone, in the country. Further, strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing and evolving process of governance.
