

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4272
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AID TO TSUNAMI VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had sent essential medicines to a Kilinochi hospital in Sri Lanka recently through the Government of that country;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the Government identified the need in that particular area; (
- (c) whether certain LTTE held areas received aid during the Tsunami disaster through certain NGOs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has evaluated the effective distribution of these relief materials to the needy; and
- (f) if so, the details of NGOs that distributed relief materials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The decision to supply medicines in that area has been taken on the basis of a request from the Kilinochi hospital and Sri Lankan health authorities.
- (c) Post-tsunami relief was distributed in the Northern part of Sri Lanka through a NGO.
- (d) One consignment consisting of ten-truckloads of relief supplies donated by the Confederation of Indian Industry was handed over.
- (e) The Government is in touch, through its High Commission, with people and officials in the Northern province of Sri Lanka to obtain an assessment of the distribution of these materials.
- (f) The relief materials were handed over to the Ramakrishna Mission, Point Pedro.