

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has convened a meeting of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries of Disaster Management Departments of various States and Union Territories in the recent past;
- (b) If so, the details of issues discussed during the said meeting; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to render emergency support in the event of natural calamities, if any, in various parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Home Affairs convened a Conference of Relief Commissioners/ Secretaries of Department of Disaster Management of States and Union Territories on 5th June, 2006.

In the Conference, the status of preparedness of the States/ UTs and the Central Ministries/ Departments rendering Emergency Support Functions for the South-West Monsoon, 2006 was discussed among other related issues. The discussions were focused on the preparedness and procedures for rendering assistance by the Armed Forces and Central Police Forces to the affected States to ensure effective and coordinated response in emergency situations. Similarly the role and scope of Ministries of Health & Family Welfare, Communications, Road Transport & Highways, Railways and National Highway Authority of India and Border Roads Organization in prevention of outbreak of epidemics, restoration of Rail, Road and Communication networks in the event of a disaster on priority were also discussed.

In addition to providing logistic support, the Union Government provided the requisite financial assistance to the affected States to enable them to undertake rescue and relief operations in the wake of natural disasters. An amount of Rs.2498.95 crore as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund

(CRF) and a further amount of Rs.1962.06 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund

(NCCF) were released to the affected States during the year 2006-07.