

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NAVAL OPERATION IN TSUNAMI HIT COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Navy Launched different operations in Tsunami hit countries;
- (b) if so, the total ships, helicopters and armed personnel deputed in these operations by the Indian Navy;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on the operations in these countries;
- (d) whether some operations are still going on at present in these countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and time by which these operations are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Indian Navy had launched Operation (Op) Madad on the East & West Coast of India and Andaman & Nicobar islands; Op Rainbow in Sri Lanka; Op Castor in Maldives; and Op Gambhir in Indonesia for post- Tsunami relief operations.

(b) Indian Navy had deployed the following assets for relief operations:-

(i) Op Madad (East & West Coast of India): 11 ships, 11 helicopters and 2 fixed wing aircraft with 4347 personnel.

(ii) Op Madad (Andaman & Nicobar islands): 30 ships, 8 helicopter and 3 fixed wing aircraft with 6959 personnel.

(iii) Op Rainbow: 16 ships, 6 helicopters and 2 fixed wing aircraft with 1438 personnel;

(iv) Op Castor: 4 ships and 4 helicopters with 442 personnel;

(v) Op Gambhir: 2 ships and 1 helicopter with 603 personnel.

(c) The estimates of expenditure incurred by Indian Navy on relief operations is as follows:

(i) Op Madad (East & West Coast of India - Rs. 17.07 crore including Andaman & Nicobar islands

(ii) Op Rainbow - Rs. 9.58 crore

(iii) Op Castor - Rs. 5.58 crore

(iv) Op Gambhir - Rs. 1.82 crore

(d) & (e): All naval ships, aircraft and personnel deployed for various overseas relief operations were de-inducted on 31st January, 2005. 82 personnel from the Army composite team continue to be deployed in Sri Lanka for rehabilitation work and are likely to be de-inducted by 15th March, 2005.