

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1090  
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CONSTITUTION OF CORE GROUP FOR TSUNAMI HIT AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has set up a Core Group to coordinate the reconstruction work in the Tsunami hit areas and also explore areas where external assistance was desirable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has approached the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japanese Government for reconstruction of devastated infrastructure and for developing disaster prevention and management system for the future; and
- (d) if so, the response of the foreign agencies thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Planning Commission has set up a Core Group to monitor re- construction of Tsunami hit areas. The Group comprises of a Chief Coordinator as Chairman of the Group along with the nodal officials nominated by the concerned Ministries responsible for implementation of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme. The Group is empowered to invite experts and specialists for any assistance/advice. The Group has started functioning from January, 2005.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has approached the World Bank, ADB and UNDP for seeking assistance for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Tsunami affected areas. The Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) of World Bank, ADB and UNDP had visited Tsunami affected areas of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Pondicherry during February, 2005.