

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:159  
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CYCLONE SHELTERS IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the cyclone shelters set up on the coast of Orissa are proposed to be converted into communication hubs to ensure dual purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds released thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no proposal to convert the cyclone shelters constructed by Orissa State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) into communication hubs. The cyclone shelters constructed by OSDMA are multipurpose and communication is one such purpose. Government of Orissa has proposed to set up communication hubs in cyclone shelters in six districts of the State on a pilot basis to ensure two way audio-visual communications with the vulnerable population in the remotest part of the State. In the event of disaster these hubs will act as two way transmission of information for better management of disasters. Funds amounting to Rs. 6.36 crore have been sanctioned by the Government of Orissa for this pilot project.