

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2224

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ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD AFFECTED STATES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any request from flood affected State Governments seeking financial assistance in the matter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a Central Team had visited these States to assess the loss with a view to provide funds for resettlement and rehabilitation measures;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount of funds allocated/released during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): During the South-West monsoon 2009, the State Government of West Bengal has submitted memorandum seeking additional central assistance from NCCF due to damaged caused by Cyclone `Aila`. Upon receipt of a memorandum from Government of West Bengal, an Inter Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas on 6th _9th June, 2009 and submitted a detailed damage assessment report and recommended assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). These recommendations relate to quantum of relief in case of human death, damage to houses, loss of animals and food stock as well as damage to agricultural crops and infrastructure in the State.

The High Level Committee (HLC) has considered the request of the State Government and decided to defer the decision on items relating to housing and road sectors, for want of area-wise details from the Government of West Bengal. In respect of the other sectors, assistance of Rs. 478.27 crore from NCCF has been approved.

No request for financial assistance has been received from any other State in the wake of floods during South-West monsoon 2009.

A statement showing the allocation & release of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and funds released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.