

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLANS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for imparting education in Disaster Management Plans to educate the students to face the natural calamity situations and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides any financial assistance for setting up of infrastructural/logistical facilities to the institutions directly or through the State Governments; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) On the recommendation of the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission contained in its 3rd Report titled "Crisis Management from Despair to Hope" regarding the introduction of "Disaster Management" as a subject in 'Management and Public Administration', the University Grants Commission(UGC) constituted an Expert Committee consisting of subject experts in Disaster Management. The Expert Committee framed the syllabus for an optional paper on Disaster Management at the Undergraduate level and the syllabus for a short-term training course for UG teachers to be used by Academic Staff Colleges. The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee on Disaster Management and approved the introduction of an optional paper on Disaster Management and has written to all Universities to introduce an optional paper on Disaster Management at the Undergraduate level across the universities/colleges. The Academic Staff Colleges have also been requested to introduce Disaster Management as one of the topics in Orientation and Refresher Courses conducted by them. The Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) is also running various courses in Disaster Management at the Post Graduate and the Doctoral levels.

Similarly, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also introduced the topic of Disaster Management as a part of the school curriculum in Social Science.

(b) & (c) The UGC provides grants to all Academic Staff Colleges which take care, among other things, of the topic on Disaster Management also during the XII Plan period. The UGC has also provided financial assistance of Rs.467.04 lakh to the Pondicherry University for starting a M.Sc. course in Coastal Disaster Management at its Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM) Campus, Port Blair. Further, the UGC is also implementing a scheme of providing assistance to universities and colleges for overcoming damages caused by natural calamities/disastrous as a part of the general development assistance. The quantum of assistance under the scheme depends on the nature of calamities and the availability of funds. The damages/losses are ascertained based on the recommendations of the District Magistrate/Commissioner of the affected district. The financial assistance is on sharing basis in the ratio of 75% by UGC and 25% by the concerned State Government. During the XI Plan period, the UGC released an amount of Rs.500 lakh to Pondicherry University for the damage caused by the Thane Cyclone which hit Pondicherry on 30.12.2011. The UGC has also provided grants to the following colleges under the scheme:

1. ADM College, Nagapattinam(Tamil Nadu) : Rs.33.60 lakh
2. TBML College, Porayar (Tamil Nadu): Rs.69.20 lakh
3. Periyar Arts College, Cuddalur(Tamil Nadu): Rs.54.92 lakh
4. Presidency College, Chennai(Tamil Nadu): Rs.142.00 lakh