

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2997
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FOREWARNING OF CLOUDBURST
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether forewarning of cloudburst and severe flood in Hindu pilgrimage centre Kedarnath was given to the State Government of Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this warning had been ignored by the State Government;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) (b) Earth System Science Organization – India Meteorological Department (ESSO - IMD) has only issued severe weather warnings with isolated heavy to very heavy rains (12 - 24 cm) for the entire Uttarakhand region, starting from June 15, 2013 for three days including the advice to postpone the Char Dham Yatra (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri) accordingly to designated state level authorities.
- (c) No Madam. Based on the inputs received from ESSO - IMDs State Meteorological Centre-Dehradun, the State Government issued advisories to all the concerned districts. Announcements were made by Police personnel stationed at Kedarnath, Rambada and Gaurikund alerting general public. The district administration stopped the further movement of pilgrims from Rishikesh to higher reaches.
- (d) Does not arise.