

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:817

ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013

PANEL TO STUDY DISASTERS

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up an official committee to look into the factors responsible for recent disaster occurred in Uttarakhand and to recommend possible solutions for the future and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons behind flash floods and if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that snow melt was major reason for flash floods;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the Government has been supplementing the States with assistance in times of such disasters;
- (e) whether there is any policy to deal with disaster as the one witnessed in Uttarakhand last month; and
- (f) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor? ANSWER

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAW AT)

- (a) Yes Madam. In the wake of landslide /flood disaster occurred in the State of Uttarakhand in June, 2013, the Ministry of Water Resources constituted a Committee headed by Chairman, GFCC on 4-7-2013 to assess the causes of landslide /flood disaster in Uttarakhand.
- (b) No Madam.
- (c) Does not arise in view of reply under part (b) above.
- (d) The Union Government has set up State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in the States for meeting immediate requirement of relief measures during any disaster including the type of disaster that occurred in Uttarakhand in June, 2013. The Union Government has also set up National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) at centre for central assistance required by States in addition to the funds available under SDRF.
- (e) & (f) The Government of India had enacted Disaster Management Act in 2005. Consequently, at national level, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had been set up under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. NDMA coordinates the policy matters pertaining to management of disasters in the country.