

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:330
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HUDHUD CYCLONE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister visited Hyderabad recently to assess the damage caused due to Hudhud cyclone in the State and also announced an interim relief;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said calamity has been declared a national calamity;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the items and norms of assistance under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF);
- (f) whether India is a member of the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) which was established by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; and
- (g) if so, the total assistance sanctioned under DREF to India so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJUJU)

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister of India visited Vishakhapatnam, the most affected place and reviewed the extent of damage, relief and rescue operations in the city and other cyclone affected parts of Andhra Pradesh.

He announced an interim assistance of Rs. 1,000 crore for Andhra Pradesh. He also announced an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 2 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased persons and Rs.50,000 each to those seriously injured in the cyclone from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

(c) & (d): The existing guidelines of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), do not contemplate declaring a calamity as a `National Calamity/ Disaster1. However, in th event of calamity of a `severe nature9, financial assistance towards the notified natural disasters including cyclone is met from the SDRF which is further supplemented from NDRF in accordance with the established procedure.

(e): The Government of India approved items and norms of assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) are available on the Ministry of Home Affairs website www.ndmindia.nic.in.

(f) to (g): Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) has informed that international Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is a membership organization. National Societies from 189 countries are members of the IFRC including India Red Cross Society. The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) forms one of the Federation's basic tools for disaster response, providing immediate financial support (loan) to start up emergency appeals, until donor contribution are received. There is no membership of DREF as it is one of the disaster response tool of IRFC. So, India is not a member of the DREF. However, Indian Red Cross is a member of the IFRC.

No DREF was received for cyclone Hudhud. It is further informed that IRCS obtained the following DREF for relief operations in last three years:

Relief Operation!	DREF allocation in CHF	DREF in INR
Assam Floods-2012	2,98,424	1,90,99,136
Extreme cold weather2013	57,100	36,54,400
Jammu & Kashmir Earthquake 2013	2,58,670	1,65,54,880
Monsoon flash floods " 2013	4,79,715	3,07,01,760
Cyclone Phailin"2013	4,37,299	2,79,87,136
Jammu & Kashmir Floods-2014	3,96,153	2,53,53,792

@ The conversion rate is taken as 1 CHF=64 INR approx., as on 19th November 2014.