

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:431  
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STUDY ON KEDARNATH CALAMITY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority has conducted any intensive study regarding the follow-up action for rescue and rehabilitation work done during the disaster in Kedarnath during the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the road between Kedarnath and Badrinath has been constructed for smooth transportation of pilgrims;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the pedestrian way has been repaired between Kedarnath and Lincholi;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the measures to ensure the safety of pilgrims in time of sudden flood and other natural disasters?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): This Ministry has not received any such report from the National Disaster Management Authority.

(c) & (d): As per information received from the State Government of Uttarakhand, all major roads including Rishikesh - Badrinath, Rudraprayag- Sonprayag, Rishikesh- Gangotri and Rishikesh - Yamunotri have been restored for smooth vehicular traffic. Further, it may be noted that there is no direct route from Badrinath to Kedarnath. One has to come back to Rudraprayag from Badrinath and then proceed towards Kedarnath.

(e) & (f): The pedestrian track between Kedarnath and Gaurikund has been restored. Pedestrian route beyond Bhimbali has however been diverted on left bank of Mandakini and the same passes through Linchauli.

(g): The State Government of Uttarakhand has taken following safety measures for pilgrims visiting Uttarakhand:

- # Registration of pilgrims is being done for safety and regulating entry of the pilgrims in ecologically sensitive areas.
- # Coordination with India Meteorological Department, Central Water Commission and Indian Space Research Organisation for providing specific information and warnings
- # Strengthening of weather related communication and warning dissemination network
- # Setting up of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) for effective response during disaster.
- # Pre-positioning of National Disaster Response Force and SDRF at vulnerable locations
- # Setting up of 50 new helipads in vulnerable areas for effective rescue and evacuation.
- # Kedarnath helipads at Linchauli, Gaurikund and Bhimbali have been made operational.
- # Pre-positioning of necessary equipments at vulnerable locations for timely clearance of debris and
- # Stocking of essential supplies like medicines, foodgrains, POL etc.
- # Strengthening of state and district disaster management systems
- # Preparation of State and district disaster management plans
- # Activation of state and district level Emergency Operation Centre on 24X7 basis
- # Help line number and medical posts have been opened for pilgrims.