

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSSES TO S T LABORATORIES DUE TO HUDHUD CYCLONE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Naval Science and Technology S&T Laboratories at Visakhapatnam have incurred heavy loss due to the recent Hudhud cyclone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to repair the damages; and
- (d) the financial assistance extended by the Government for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) located at Visakhapatnam was severely affected by Hudhud cyclone, which struck Visakhapatnam on 12th October 2014. Roof structures of buildings, doors, windows, rolling shutters, interiors of buildings, street lights, trees, compound walls, etc. were damaged due to high velocity winds.

A Board was constituted by the Director, NSTL to assess the damage. The Board estimated the cost of repairs due to damage to be approximately Rs.8.10 Crore.

(c) Three agencies i.e. Military Engineering Service (MES); Chief Construction Engineer (CCE) South; and Chief Construction Engineer (CCE) Estates, Hyderabad have been assigned repair / replacement jobs to handle the huge volume of work simultaneously for the restoration.

(d) DRDO initiated repair / restoration work on priority by utilizing its own resources to restore the basic amenities / facilities to enable day to day functioning of the Laboratory, immediately after the calamity.