

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS OF TOURISM IN CYCLONE HIT STATES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourist infrastructure and facilities have been affected in the cyclone-hit States of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide special assistance to the States affected by the cyclone Hudhud for rebuilding of damaged tourist infrastructure; and
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance likely to be provided in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism had asked the State Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh respectively to assess and quantify the extent of damage caused by the cyclone Hudhud to Government tourist assets and submit a detail report for financial assistance for reconstruction of the same.

The details of tourist infrastructure and facilities affected in the cyclone hit areas as provided by the State Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh are given in the Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

Sanction of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for rebuilding of damaged tourist infrastructure to the respective State Governments is subject to receipt of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The arrangement for financial relief expenditure in States affected by natural calamities are enumerated in schemes of National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)/State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF) which are administered by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Department of Expenditure release grant under the scheme of SDRF for meeting the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims of natural calamities including Cyclone/Floods. 2nd instalment of Centre's share of SDRF for 2014-15 amounting to Rs.178.495 crore and Rs.115.42 crore was released, in advance to the Government of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh respectively.

Further an amount of Rs.400.00 crore has already been released from NDRF.