

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 388

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2013/SRAVANA 16, 1935 (SAKA)

PERSONS DIED IN NATURAL DISASTER IN UTTARAKHAND

388. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:  
SHRI ALOK TIWARI:  
SHRIMATI K USUM RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of persons died in natural disaster in Uttarakhand in June, 2013;
- (b) the State-wise details of persons still missing;
- (c) the State-wise details of ex-gratia announced and actually paid so far, to kin of deceased;
- (d) whether CAG had warned about non-existent disaster preparedness in April, 2013;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reasons for failure of Government to address the disaster preparedness properly?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the Government of Uttarakhand, 580 people have lost their lives due to the natural disaster caused by heavy rainfall, cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides in June 2013 in Uttarakhand. 5474 persons are still missing and feared to

be no more. These figures are provisional, as the verification process is on. It is not possible to give the state -wise details of the victims at this stage.

(c): As per the information received, the State Government has announced ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased persons/ persons feared to be dead @ Rs. 1.50 lakh from State Disaster Response Fund, @ Rs. 1.50 lakh from State Government share, @ Rs. 2.00 lakh from PM Relief Fund per person. Government of Uttarakhand has paid ex-gratia to the next of kin of about 550 dead/ feared to be dead @ Rs. 5.00 lakh per person.

(d) to (e): Comptroller and Auditor General of India in their Performance Audit Report on Disaster Preparedness (Report No. 5 of 2013) has pointed out certain deficiencies in the disaster preparedness of the country. The points raised in the CAG report are as under:

- National Plan for DM has not been formulated.
- National Guidelines issued by NDMA are not binding on States.
- Significant deviation from the prescribed roles and practice of MHA, NDMA and NEC.
- National Database for Emergency Management yet to be operationalized.
- Satellite based communication network was not fully operation.
- National Disaster Communication Network and National Disaster Management Informatics System projects of NDMA are still at planning stage.
- Seismically safer habitats by training of practicing architects and engineers failed to achieve its targets.
- Scheme for extending financial assistance to ATIs ended with huge shortfall.
- India Disaster Resource Network Project was operational on adhoc basis.
- Non filling of critical posts in NIDM, hampered the coverage of the training programmes.

(f): No, sir. Improvement of disaster preparedness systems is a continuous and evolving process of governance. The Government of India is taking measures to remove the deficiencies observed by CAG in their report. Therefore, it is not correct to say that Government has failed.

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