

Rahul Gandhi made a submission regarding Landslide incident in Wayanad district, Kerala

**SHRI RAHUL GANDHI (RAEBARELI):** Thank you, Speaker Sir.

Sir, early this morning, Wayanad was hit by several devastating landslides. More than 70 people have been killed. Mundakai village has been cut off and the devastating loss of lives and extensive damage is yet to be assessed due to the scale of the tragedy.

I have spoken to the hon. Defence Minister and the Chief Minister of Kerala. I request the Union Government to extend all possible support for rescue and medical care; immediate release of the compensation to deceased people, and if that compensation can be increased as well; restore vital transport and communication lines; set up relief at the earliest; and prepare a roadmap for the rehabilitation of the affected families.

Even as I speak, the threat of landslides looms over many areas in Wayanad and the Western Ghats. Our country has witnessed an alarming rise in landslides in the last few years. There is an urgent need for mapping of landslide prone areas and to take up mitigation measures and an action plan to address the growing frequency of natural calamities in the ecologically fragile region. Thank you, Sir. ?

*(Interruptions)*

**SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA):** Sir, there is no response from the Minister. This is an important issue. ? *(Interruptions)*

माननीय अध्यक्ष : यह दुखद घटना है । इस पर आप राजनीति करने लग जाएं, यह ठीक नहीं है ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय संसदीय कार्य मंत्री जी बैठे हुए हैं । उन्होंने नोट कर लिया है । यह विषय ध्यान में आ गया है ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्रीमती हरसिमरत कौर बादल, क्या आप बोलना चाहती हैं?

? (व्यवधान)

श्रीमती हरसिमरत कौर बादल (भटिण्डा) : शुक्रिया सर, मैं एक बहुत जरूरी विषय रखना चाहती हूँ ।? (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य, प्लीज आप एक मिनट के लिए बैठिए ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य, यह दुखद घटना है । यह पीड़ादायक घटना है । भविष्य में ऐसी घटना न हो, उसके उपाय के लिए चर्चा हुई है । आप उसमें भी राजनीति करने लग जाते हैं ।

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री जी ।

? (व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : यह विषय मेरे संज्ञान में आ गया है । यह विषय सदन के संज्ञान में आ गया है ।

? (व्यवधान)

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री; तथा अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री (श्री किरिन रिजिजू) : सर, जैसा आपने कहा कि कोई भी प्राकृतिक आपदा देश और सबके लिए बहुत ही गंभीर मसला होती है । All the natural calamities, not only for Kerala but for everyone, is a concern. Early morning, hon. Prime Minister has sent the MoS to the State. The Minister who comes from Kerala is already there coordinating with the agencies.

The hon. Prime Minister has already spoken to the Chief Minister of Kerala, and the rescue and relief operations are already on. The matter raised by the Leader of Opposition and other hon. Members, सर, मैं आपकी अनुमति से जैसा कि ये चाहते हैं, हम लोग इसकी करेक्ट इन्फॉर्मेशन सदन में रख देंगे ।

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