

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Northern States of the country are badly affected by floods during the current year also;
- (b) if so, the schemes which have so far been implemented by the Union Government to tackle the situation; and
- (c) the funds allocated/released by the Union Government to the State Governments for the purpose during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No Sir. As per available information none of the Northern States of the country are badly affected by floods during the current year. However, a cloudburst occurred on 16th July 2003 at Shilagarh in Kulu Sub Division in Himachal Pradesh in which 21 persons are reported to have lost their lives. Rescue and relief works were undertaken by the State Government.

(b) & (c) As per the Scheme for financing the relief expenditure in the wake of natural calamities, the State Governments are required to meet the expenditure on relief operations out of allocated Corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 3:1. When the calamity is of a severe nature and the CRF is not sufficient, the Central Government gives assistance to States out of the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the established procedure. No request seeking financial assistance from NCCF has been received in this regard.