

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS DUE TO EARTHQUAKES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of major quakes struck the country during the last three years; and
(b) the details of loss of life and property damaged as a result thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): As per reports available, no major earthquake with its epicenter in the country has occurred during the last three years.

However, there were three major earthquakes outside India, of which two earthquakes impacted some parts of the country resulting in loss of lives and damage to property. The details are given below:

(i) There was an earthquake of magnitude (M: 9.3) which occurred off the west cost of Sumatra island in Indonesia on 26th December, 2004. This event, located outside the Indian Territory, generated destructive Tsunami waves causing loss of life and damage to property in parts of the coastal regions of India. The details of loss of life and damage to property due to this event (i.e. Tsunami) of 26th December 2004, as reported by the concerned States/UTs, based on their provisional assessment, are given below:-

Details	Andhra Pradesh	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Pondi-cherry	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Total
Human lives lost	107	176	7995	601	436	9315

Persons missing	4	Nil	945	36	3077	4062
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Dwelling units affected	481	13640	118572	10061	9565	152319
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Cattle lost	195	NR	16082	2685	3786	22748
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Cropped area damaged (ha.)	328	8153	5212	792	10837	25322
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Boats damaged (nos)	11394	10882	36080	8005	1703	68064
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(ii) There was also an earthquake of magnitude 7.4 on Richter scale on 8th October, 2005 in Pakistan (Lat. 34.6 Long. 73.0 E). Tremors of this earthquake were felt in several States of northern India. The State of Jammu & Kashmir was the worst affected. As per the information received from the State Government, based on their provisional assessment, 1336 persons (1216 civilian and 120 Defence and Para Military Forces personnel) lost their lives in Jammu & Kashmir and 2 persons lost their lives in Punjab due to earthquake of 8th October 2005. In terms of damage to property, about 39182 houses are reported to have been fully damaged and about 71078 houses partially damaged in J&K.

(iii) Another earthquake occurred on 13th December 2005 of magnitude 6.8 on Richter Scale with its epicenter in Hindukush, Afghanistan (Lat. 37.0 N long. 71.0 E). There was no report of loss of life in the country due to the earthquake of 13th December 2005.