

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NATURAL DISASTERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to constitute an expert committee to suggest concrete measures to check the loss of lives, crops and property due to recurring flood, cyclones and other natural disasters every year in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No Sir. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has, however, constituted an Expert Group to review the existing items and norms of assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), which inter alia includes the norms for providing assistance for loss of lives, damage to crops and property, due to natural calamities. This Expert Group comprises of representatives from some State Governments and concerned Central Ministries/Departments.