

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1006
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TSUNAMI RELIEF TO FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance, loan and grant-in-aid provided to the fishermen who lost their fishing implements in Tsunami, State, UTs-wise;
- (b) whether the assistance has given by commercial banks or any other Financial Agency; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State, UTs-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) In view of the losses suffered by the fishing community, the Government announced a special package named as `Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package` to inter alia provide assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors. Out of the total package of Rs. 3644.05 crore, an amount of Rs. 1223.06 crore (33.56 %) has been provided for the fishery sector, which includes components of subsidy and loans through commercial banks, and for fishing harbours. The subsidy and loan are meant for enabling fishermen to replace/ repair damaged boats/ nets, catamarans and other fishing implements. The assistance to fishermen in the form of subsidy and loans is being released through commercial banks.

The State/ UT wise details of loans and subsidy under the Rajiv Gandhi Package is tabulated below:

(Rs. in crore)

State/ UT	Loan	Subsidy	Total
Tamil Nadu	566.47	441.08	1007.55
Kerala	34.13	44.85	78.98
Andhra Pradesh	7.51	27.66	35.17
Pondicherry	31.13	32.01	63.14
Andaman & Nicobar	-	15.01	15.01
Grand Total	639.24	560.61	1199.85