

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF TSUNAMI RELIEF FUNDS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a huge amount of Tsunami relief funds remain unutilised in the States/ Union Territories affected by Tsunami;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been irregularities in providing relief and rehabilitation package in the Tsunami-affected areas;
- (d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds;
- (e) the details of targets fixed to rebuild and improve various infrastructure facilities in various Tsunami affected State/ Union Territories;
- (f) the details of targets achieved in this regard; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to complete the relief and rehabilitation work in time?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Certain irregularities in providing relief in Tsunami affected areas under the `Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package (RGRP) have been reported by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in the Performance Audit of `Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation` for the year ending March 2006. The required remedial and corrective measures have been taken up and States/ UTs suitably advised. Guidelines have also been issued from time to time to the Tsunami affected States/UTs for maintaining proper account and transparency in the distribution of relief assistance.

(d) Out of an amount of Rs. 1759.05 crore released under the `Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package` for Tsunami affected areas, the States/ UTs have reported an expenditure of Rs.1638.84 crore so far which is about 93%.

(e) & (f) The summary of targets vis-À-vis physical progress made under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) for long-term reconstruction in major sectors is as under:

Sectors	Total damage till 2006	Work done till December Quarter 2006-07	Balance January-March 2006-07	Targets for 2007-08	Target for 2007-08
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Housing (houses damaged/ to be reconstructed)	147642	35593	112049	8054	23987
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Fisheries & Livelihood	53377	50701	2676	71	1526
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(number of boats repaired /to be replaced)

Agriculture & Livelihood (extent of area in Ha to be reclaimed) 20210.17 15844.54 4365.63 280.10 2574.36

Roads (in kilometres) 1157.20 149.02 1007.44 352.26 758.88

The balance targets are to be achieved in the year 2008-09.

(g) The Core Group in the Planning Commission has been set up exclusively to monitor the implementation of various projects under TRP in consultation with concerned State/UT Governments and Central Ministries/Departments. The progress is being regularly reviewed and recently mid-term review was conducted by the Planning Commission with a view to expedite the completion of the rehabilitation measures.