

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1945

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12TH FINANCE COMMISSION SUGGESTION ON NATURAL DISASTERS

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Satpathy Shri Tathagata

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to include pest attacks, landslides, avalanches and cloud bursts as natural calamity disasters;
- (b) if so, whether the 12th Finance Commission has also suggested to widen the scope of a natural calamity; and
- (c) the time by which the recommendations of the 12th Finance Commission regarding natural calamity will be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Financial assistance to the States in the wake of natural calamities is provided in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed from time to time. The Twelfth Finance Commission in its report has also specifically included pest attacks, landslides, avalanches and cloud bursts as natural disasters in addition to cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood and hailstorms.

(c): The recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission, which have been accepted by the Government of India, are for a period of five years effective from 1st April, 2005 to 31st March, 2010.