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title: Need to send a central team to Ladakh to assess damages caused by the natural disasters.

SHRI THUPSTAN CHHEWANG (LADAKH): There have been instances of major Natural disasters caused by unprecedented and untimely rains, snowfall, cloudbursts leading to landslides and floods, resulting in the loss of precious lives, damages of properties making the lives of the people living in the Himalayas miserable and difficult. The Ladakh region of the Jammu and Kashmir is known for scanty rainfall with annual average of rain/snow being merely two to three inches could not escape the ravage and destruction of natural fury. Although the region has been facing this natural fury in smaller measure continuously for the last seven years yet the two major disasters during 2010 and 2015 have left a trail of destruction completely throwing the pace of development back by several years. With very little support from either the State or the Central Government, the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council is faced with a very challenging task for restoration and rehabilitation. A few projects sanctioned for restoration of major irrigation systems in 2010 had not still been completed due to paucity of funds, the damages caused in 2015 have completely undone the efforts and the damages to irrigation facilities and land erosion are more serious. Damages to Roads, Bridges and other essential services by bursting of Phuktal Lake and floods and cloudbursts this year need urgent intervention of the Central Government. I request Hon'ble Home Minister to kindly depute a Team to Ladakh to assess damages and provide adequate relief fund for relief and restoration.