

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.336
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

OFFER OF HELP FOR KERALA FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES

336. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government refused to accept the help from various countries and organizations for revival of devastated Kerala by the torrential rain and flood situation in the month of August 2018;and
- (b) If so, the names and details of the countries and organizations which offered financial as well as technological help for reconstruction of the State and the reasons for not accepting such help from friendly countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) In the wake of the tragic Kerala floods, several countries expressed their sympathies and their willingness to assist in the relief and rehabilitation efforts. In response, Government expressed deep appreciation for such offers and conveyed that, in line with existing policy, it is committed to meeting requirements for relief and rehabilitation through domestic efforts. It was further conveyed that contributions to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund from NRIs, PIOs and international entities such as foundations would, however, be welcome.
