

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ALLOCATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details on India's total international aid allocations for disaster relief across specific regions, such as the Asia-Pacific and Africa, over the past two years;
- (b) the measures in place to coordinate aid efforts with local authorities in recipient countries, and to ensure transparency and accountability; and
- (c) Government's plans to strengthen disaster response partnerships with global agencies, and how much funds have been committed for future collaborations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) Budget allocated for disaster relief does not relate to any specific region but is disbursed across the globe based on specific disaster incidents and requirements. During FY 2023-24, the allocated budget of Rs. 55 crore was utilized to provide HADR assistance to Turkiye, Israel, Malawi, Palestine and Cuba. Besides, India provided HADR assistance to Sudan, Central African Republic, Myanmar, Sao Tome and Principe, Palau, Suriname, Ukraine, Fiji, Afghanistan, Peru, Palestine, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Zambia and Guatemala in 2023-24 by utilizing other budget heads under 'Technical and Economic Co-operation with other countries', which was approx. 57 crore. During FY 2024-25, as on date, Ministry has incurred expenditure of approx. 10 crores to provide HADR assistance to Kenya, Ukraine and Cuba. Additionally, HADR was provided to Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Syria, Haiti, El Salvador, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, etc., by utilizing other budget heads under 'Technical and Economic Co-operation with other countries' amounting to approx. 98 crores.
- (b) Government of India extends HADR assistance in G2G format. In a few cases, viz., food-grain assistance to Afghanistan and HADR assistance to Gaza (Palestine), Government of India coordinated with UN bodies for smooth delivery of HADR supplies. The Indian Mission in the recipient country hands over the HADR assistance to the local government for further distribution.
- (c) At present, Government of India is a part of QUAD HADR group which is focused on disaster response and preparedness in the Indo-Pacific region.
