

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3261**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2019 / PAUSHA 11, 1940 (SAKA)**

**CYCLONE MEKUNU**

**3261. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

**(a) whether the Government is aware that Cyclone Mekunu had hit the coastal region of the State of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the Government has sent any central team to study the situation and sought the report in this regard and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether it is true that the Indian sub-continent is the worst affected region in the world;**

**(d) if so, whether the Government is contemplating any measures to promote research to find out the ways for a solution; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

**(a) As reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Karnataka Government, Cyclone Mekunu did not hit coastal areas of Karnataka. It developed over southwest Arabian sea in the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and moved north-northwestwards towards Oman coast.**

**(b) Does not arise**

**(c) to (e) No Madam, it is not true. The loss of lives in Indian sub-continent due to cyclones have reduced drastically in recent years, being limited to**

single or double digit figures in most cases. It is due to significant improvement in cyclone warning services by IMD apart from other measures of cyclone management. IMD acts as the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC)-Tropical cyclones, as designated by World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) to provide tropical cyclone advisories to all the countries in the sub-continent. IMD provides the tropical cyclone advisories to the member countries of WMO/ UN-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Panel on tropical cyclones over the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, viz., Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Yemen, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE.

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