

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.456
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018

FOREIGN AID TO KERALA

456. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has refused to accept the help from various countries and organizations for revival of devastated Kerala State by the torrential rain and flood in the month of August 2018; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the countries and organizations offered financial as well as technological help for reconstruction of Kerala and 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.
