## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3650

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 25, 1941 (SAKA)

CYCLONE VAYU

**3650. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:** 

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Cyclone Vayu;
- (b) the details of the States affected by the cyclone so far in the country including Gujarat;
- (c) the details of the loss/damage suffered due to this cyclone in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to compensate for the loss/ damage caused by Cyclone Vayu; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to tackle this cyclone?

  ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

- (a) to (d): Cyclone "Vayu" had weakened from "Very Severe" Cyclonic storm to a "Well-marked low pressure area" on 18th June, 2019 when it crossed Kutch/north Gujarat coast. No State/UT was affected from Cyclone "Vayu". As intimated by the State Government of Gujarat and Daman & Diu administration, there was no loss of life and property, hence, there was no need for disbursement of any relief amount.
- (e) Following steps were taken by Central Government to tackle Cyclone "Vayu":
  - i. Regular forecast bulletins were issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on the Cyclone (Vayu) to all concerned.

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- ii. 52 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) (Gujarat
   47 teams and Diu 05 teams) were deployed as proactive deployment.
- iii. On 11.06.2019, Union Home Minister reviewed the preparedness of State and Central Ministries/Agencies concerned to deal with the situation arising out of Cyclone 'VAYU'.
- iv. Cabinet Secretary chaired the meeting of National Crisis

  Management Committee (NCMC) on 11.06.2019 and reviewed

  the preparedness of State and Central Agencies concerned.
- v. Detailed advisories were issued to the State of Gujarat and UT of Daman & Diu requesting them to take all precautionary measures with a view to ensure that no human life is lost, damage to vital infrastructure is minimized and to ensure early recovery of all essential services post-cyclone landfall.
- vi. Home Secretary took a review meeting on 12.06.2019 of States and Central Ministries/agencies concerned.
- vii. Situation was monitored 24\*7 at the highest level.
- viii. Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force were put on high alert.
- ix. NDRF teams assisted Gujarat and Diu administration in evacuation of people from vulnerable locations to safer places.

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