RESCUE OPERATIONS BY ARMED FORCES

2116. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
   SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:
   SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
   SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:
   SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
   SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:
   SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
   SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rescue operations carried out by various wings of the Indian Armed Forces both domestic and abroad this year;

(b) whether the Government had sent Army to conduct rescue operation for 41 workers trapped in a tunnel in Uttarakhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of army persons involved in the rescue operations;

(d) whether it is a fact the Army personnel reached the location but could not take part in the rescue operations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(Shri Ajay Bhatt)

(a): Rescue operations carried out by various wings of the Indian Armed Forces both domestic and abroad this year are as tabulated below:-

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(b) to (e): Yes, Sir. An Engineer Column of one Officer, four Junior Commissioned Officers and 44 Other Ranks was deployed. The Indian Army acted upon the requisition received from civil administration, Uttarakhand.

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