

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1365**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY, 2021/ SRAVANA 05, 1943 (SAKA)

FLOOD RELIEF TO BIHAR

1365. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team to visit the flood affected areas of the States including Bihar particularly in district Gopalganj for an on-the-spot assessment of damages, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Bihar requesting for release of financial assistance for the recently flood affected areas in Bihar?**
- (c) if so, the details thereon? And**
- (d) the details of decision taken by the Government in the matter to assist the affected people of Bihar particularly the district of Gopalganj?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Government. The State Government concerned undertakes relief measures in the wake of natural disasters including flood from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal in accordance with Government of India's approved items and norms. Additional assistance is provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per established procedure in case the disaster

is of 'severe nature', which includes deputation of Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) for the assessment of damages caused by any notified disaster including flood.

During the year 2020-21, 15 IMCTs were deputed to visit floods affected areas of different States including Bihar. However, during the current year i.e 2021-22, no request has so far been received from any State including Bihar for deputing an IMCT for flood affected areas.

(c) and (d): Does not arise.

However, Central Government had released an amount of Rs 1255.27 crore from NDRF to Government of Bihar for flood relief measures during the year 2020-21. Besides, an amount of Rs 1416 crore was also released as Central share of SDRF for 2020-21 to Government of Bihar. In addition, the first installment of Central share of SDRF amounting to Rs. 566.40 crore has been released on 29th April 2021 in advance to Government of Bihar.
