

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2871**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2026/ PHALGUNA 19, 1947 (SAKA)

MONTHA CYCLONE

2871. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed loss suffered by the State of Andhra Pradesh due to Montha Cyclone recently;

(b) whether the Union Government sent its Central Team to assess the damage caused to agriculture, roads and buildings, aqua sector, power, irrigation, etc.;

(c) if so, whether the Central Team submitted its Report to the Government; and

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the team and action taken by the Government so far on the recommendations?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per the National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM), the primary responsibility for disaster management, including assessment of damages on ground level, rests with the State Governments concerned. The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal, in accordance with Government of India approved items and

norms. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and provides requisite logistics and financial support. Additional financial assistance is provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure, in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

In wake of Cyclone 'Montha' during 2025 in Andhra Pradesh, an IMCT was constituted by the Central Government for on the spot assessment of damages, without waiting for the Memorandum from the State Government. The IMCT visited the affected areas in the State during 10th to 11th November, 2025. Based on the report of the IMCT, an additional financial assistance from NDRF is considered as per established procedure.
