

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*1**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 13, 1942 (SAKA)**

**LOSS DUE TO CYCLONE 'AMPHAN'**

**\*1. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a severe cyclone 'Amphan' had badly affected the country and if so, the details of losses suffered, State-wise;**
- (b) the details of relief sought by the affected States and the assistance provided to the farmers and fishermen by the Government, State-wise;**
- (c) whether there have been slow progress in utilization of funds by these State Governments for restoration of infrastructure and rehabilitation work;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken thereon;**
- (e) whether there is urgent need for building a resilient infrastructure to mitigate recurrent cyclone risk in these States; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**Statement in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**February, 2021**

**(a): Yes sir. A super cyclonic storm 'Amphan' hit the eastern coast of the country on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 affecting two States namely Odisha and West Bengal. As per the information received from the affected State Governments and assessed by the Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), details of reported losses/ damages are inter-alia given as under:-**

<b>State</b>	<b>Human lives lost</b>	<b>Houses/ huts damaged (in lakh)</b>	<b>Cattle lost</b>	<b>Cropped area affected (in lakh ha.)</b>	<b>Fishermen's Boats &amp; nets damaged</b>
<b>Odisha – Cyclone 'Amphan'</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>28 boats</b>
<b>West Bengal – Cyclone 'Amphan'</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>5.52</b>	<b>23927</b>	<b>5.71</b>	<b>8007 boats &amp; 37711 nets</b>

**(b): In the instant cases, in order to support the affected people of the States, Central Government immediately released Rs. 1000 crore to Government of West Bengal and Rs. 500 crore to Government of Odisha 'on account basis' from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on 23rd May**

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**2020. Further even before the receipt of memoranda from State Governments of West Bengal and Odisha, two separate IMCTs were constituted, which visited the affected areas of the States concerned for on the spot assessment of damages.**

**The Governments of West Bengal and Odisha had requested an assistance of Rs. 35,018.39 crore and Rs. 201.96 crore respectively for relief and rehabilitation work for damages due to cyclone, including relief to farmers and fishermen. Based on the report of IMCT and recommendations of Sub-Committee for National Executive Committee (SC-NEC), the High Level Committee (HLC) had approved an amount of Rs. 2,707.77 crore to West Bengal (including Rs. 665.94 crore for Agriculture and 73.29 crore for fisheries sector) and Rs. 128.23 crore (including Rs. 4.64 crore for Agriculture and 0.01 crore for fisheries sector) to Odisha from NDRF, subject to the adjustment of 50% of balance available in their SDRF account.**

**(c) and (d): As per guidelines for utilization of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), the State Executive Committee (SEC), headed by the Chief Secretary of the State concerned, is responsible for incurring and monitoring the expenditure from SDRF/NDRF in**

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**the affected area as per items and norms. Further, the Guidelines on Constitution and Administration of the SDRF provides for submission of specific utilization certificate by the State Government within three months of the close of financial year in which additional financial assistance is granted from NDRF.**

**(e) and (f): National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) envisages creation of major infrastructure like multipurpose cyclone shelters, access roads, saline embankments etc. as well as installation and commissioning of early warning system in eight coastal States, including West Bengal and Odisha. Completed projects under this scheme have proved to be of great help during cyclones.**

**The measures taken by the Central and State Governments have significantly improved disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention and response mechanism resulting in significant reduction in casualties during natural calamities, including cyclones, in the country. Further, strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing and evolving process of the governance.**

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