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34.	Lakshadweep	0
35.	Puducherry	0
TOTAL (UTs)		598
TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)		5226

**Relief to people affected by cloud-burst at Leh**

\*420. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to recent cloudburst at Leh in Srinagar a large number of people were killed, injured, missing and properties worth several crores destroyed;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether a Central team has been sent to Leh to oversee the rescue operations and estimate losses of lives and properties; and

(d) if so, the report of the Central team and the steps taken by the Central Government to provide relief to the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 196 persons have lost their lives, 607 persons have been injured, 65 persons are reported to be missing and about 3000 houses have been damaged due to cloudburst during the intervening night of August 5-6, 2010 in Leh, Jammu and Kashmir. There has also been extensive damage to public utilities in Leh, details of which, as presently available, are given in Statement-I (See below).

(c) and (d) A High Level Central Team consisting of Union Ministers Shri Farooq Abdullah, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad and Shri Prithviraj Chavan, visited the affected areas on 7th August 2010 to assess the situation and catalyse rescue/relief operation. An Inter-ministerial Central Team has been constituted on 19th August 2010 to make a detailed assessment of the damage and requirement of funds for relief/repair from the National Disaster Response Fund. The State Government, which has presently sent a preliminary assessment has also been requested to send a detailed memorandum to facilitate the visit of the Central Team at the earliest.

As regards rescue/relief operations, the Government of India immediately swung into action on receipt of information of the cloudburst and responded to the requirements projected by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Details are given in Statement-II (See below).

Funds to the tune of Rs. 429.24 crore (including Rs. 77.60 crore released on 30.06.2010 as 1st installment of Central share of State Disaster Response Fund for the year 2010-11) are presently available with the State Government for relief/rescue operations.

***Statement-I***

***Details of damage to public utilities in Leh***

1. **Telecommunication-** BSNL facilities in Leh were severely damaged. The entire compound and the telecom equipment, installed in the telephone exchange was submerged in mud, resulting in total collapse of the BSNL connectivity in Leh. The All India Radio Transmitter was also destroyed, thereby disrupting the transmission.
2. **Roads-**
  - (i) **Srinagar-Kargil-Leh Road :**
    - Sonamarg-Kargil road was disrupted due to landslide at various places.
    - The stretches of road at Khangral, Bodh Kharboo, Nurla, Bazgo and Neemo were washed away due to which Kargil-Leh Road was blocked. Beyond Khaltsi, five major bridges were washed away at Nurla, Bazgoo, Neemo and Phyang, and Bailey bridges had to be installed.
  - (ii) **Kargil-Zanaskar Road**
    - Kargil-Zanaskar Road was blocked at Parkachick (105 km) and Rangdum (125 km).
  - (iii) **Leh-Manali Road**
    - On the Leh-Manali Road, a 4 km stretch was totally washed out beyond Upshi.
3. **Power-**

Extensive damages have been reported on the Igo Mercellong and Satkna Small Hydel projects. Similarly, Micro hydel schemes at Bazgo and Hunder are affected. Portions of the power canals have been washed away. The power distribution system has also been extensively damaged. Approximately 11,000 poles are reported to be damaged. The 125 KVA DG Set at Hanu has also been damaged. There are damages to the DG Station at Choglamsar.
4. **Water supply-**

The Water Supply Scheme (Lift Scheme) at Leh was severely damaged.
5. **Health-**

The existing SNM Hospital building has become unsafe and is not fit for use as a hospital. A large number of equipments, medical stores, drugs, linen, gas cylinders

and other peripherals have been lost. PHC building at Nyoma has been partially damaged. The MAC building at Ney has been completely washed away. Similarly, MAC building at Choglamsar has been substantially damaged.

***Statement-II***

*Details of support provided by the Central Government towards immediate rescue and relief operations*

- More than 6000 personnel of Army, Air Force, Border Road Organization, NDRF and ITBP have been deployed along with the rescue equipment to assist the civil administration in relief operations.
- Heavy machinery and equipment (including Bailey Bridges) have been moved/airlifted to the area to assist restoration of roads and bridges and removal of debris.
- Large quantities of high altitude tentage (800), blankets (6900), tarpaulins (620), mattresses (1000), food packets, bottled water have been sent. Similar contributions from the charitable organizations and other sources have also been airlifted.
- Apart from the medical teams available with Army/CPMFs/State, etc. one medical team consisting of 08 Doctors and 04 Nurses along with 10 Qtls. of emergent surgical/medical consumables has been deployed in the affected areas. Additional medical equipment and necessary supplies have also been sent.
- 03 Water purification machines of 4000 ltrs per hour capacity have been delivered at Leh. Sufficient quantities of chlorine/water purification tablets have been dispatched.
- 58 civil aircrafts were deployed and more than 8000 passengers have been evacuated from Leh to Delhi/Jammu. These aircrafts have also carried more than 25 tonnes of relief material of Leh, free of cost.
- Air Force has carried out 245 sorties and airlifted 378.18 tonnes of relief material and equipments and 828 passengers and 17 dead bodies.
- Satellite phones have also been provided.
- Prime Minister's Office has announced an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 1 Lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs. 50,000 to the injured. In addition, the Prime Minister has announced a special package of around Rs. 125 crore for the Ladakh region from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).