

**गृह मंत्री (श्री राजनाथ सिंह):** उपसभापति महोदय, यूनियन पब्लिक सर्विस कमीशन की परीक्षा में भाग लेने वाले छात्र हैं, जिनके द्वारा यह आंदोलन चलाया जा रहा है, इसे हम लोगों ने बहुत ही गंभीरतापूर्वक लिया है। हर पहलू पर सरकार विचार कर रही है और हाल ही में, जैसा कि हमारे सहयोगी मित्र ने पहले ही आकर यहां पर बतलाया है कि एक कमेटी जो यूनियन पब्लिक सर्विस कमीशन के द्वारा बनाई गई थी, उसकी रिपोर्ट अभी एक दिन पहले ही प्राप्त हुई है और उस रिपोर्ट का अध्ययन किया जा रहा है। सरकार चाहती है कि जल्दी से जल्दी इस समस्या का समाधान हो।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Statement. ...*(Interruptions)*... This is a Statement on landslide. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please take your seat. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*...

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### STATEMENT BY MINISTER

#### **Disaster caused by landslide in Pune District of Maharashtra\***

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH): Sir, I lay a Statement on the disaster caused by landslide in Pune District of Maharashtra. ...*(Interruptions)*...

"Sir, I rise to inform this House with profound sorrow about the tragic disaster that occurred in Pune district. The State Government of Maharashtra reported that a landslide occurred between 8.00 to 8:30 a.m. in village Malin under Ambegaon Taluka on 30th July. About 40 to 50 houses caved in due to the landslide, with about 158 persons trapped under the debris. The State Government reported that the Taluka level disaster management team under the supervision of an Executive Magistrate was mobilized immediately. The nearest Public Health Centre at Adiwale was earmarked to extend medical aid. Thirty dumpers, 20 JCBs and 50 ambulances were mobilized by the State Government. The rescue efforts were initiated with the help of about 300 labourers mobilized from the two nearby Municipal Corporations Junner and Alandi. Rescue teams with flood lights and other equipment were arranged from the Municipal Corporations of Pimpri Chinchwad and Pune. Nine teams of NDRF, the National Disaster Response Force, comprising about 380 personnel, with necessary equipment rushed to the spot. As per the report received at 8 a.m. today, eight injured persons could be rescued so far. Fifty-one dead bodies have been recovered. As per the 2011 Census figures, the village had a population of 704, of whom 666 belonged to Scheduled Tribes and 34 to Scheduled Castes. I received a report from the National Disaster Response Force that they received the first information from the district administration at 10:45 a.m. on 30th July. By 11 a.m., two teams of NDRF of the 5th Battalion at Pune left for Malangaon

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\*Laid on the Table.

and reached the spot at 3 p.m. Five more teams of NDRF reached at 5: 30 p.m. on 30th July. Further, two more teams of NDRF joined the operations at 4 a.m. on 31st July.

I visited the village on 31st July. I was briefed regarding the progress of the rescue efforts by the District Collector, Superintendent of Police and by the Commandant of NDRF. The rescue efforts are hampered due to continuous rains and the important need to take up the rescue work carefully, as the injured persons have to be given necessary medical aid after the rescue and the dead bodies need to be handled with dignity and respect. I found that the operations were going on continuously.

I assure this House that the Government of India is providing all the required financial and other assistance for the immediate rescue and relief efforts. I would like to inform this august House that this landslide occurred in a region that was not considered highly vulnerable to landslides so far. As per the classification made by the Geological Survey of India, the Western Ghats do not fall either under 'very high' hazard zone or 'high' hazard zone. We shall see that Geological Survey of India conducts a scientific study of the whole issue, so that necessary corrective and mitigation measures are taken up in the habitations in the Western Ghats region. It would not be correct to hazard any guess regarding the particular causes that have triggered this landslide without such scientific study.

I conclude by stating that we are with the bereaved families and that all possible support from all the Ministries of the Government of India will be provided to the Government of Maharashtra in the rescue and relief efforts as per the requirements. We need to see that appropriate lessons are drawn from the experience of this disaster so that we can initiate corrective measures."

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### INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE

#### Issue of Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC — Contd.

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभापति जी, ...(व्यवधान)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: ले कर दिया। Yes, the Statement has been laid on the Table of the House. Now, we take up the Zero Hour Mentions. Shrimati Mohsina Kidwai. ...(Interruptions)...

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : माननीय उपसभापति जी, हम सदन से बहिर्गमन करते हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

*(At this stage some hon. Members left the Chamber.)*

श्री के.सी. त्यागी : उपसभापति जी, मंत्री जी के वक्तव्य पर मेरा प्वाइंट ऑफ ऑर्डर है ...(व्यवधान)...