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QUESTION NO.1129 INDIANS AFFECTED BY HURRICANES IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

INDIANS AFFECTED BY HURRICANES IN USA

1129. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Indians have been affected by recent hurricanes in USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to help Indians affected by the hurricanes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Maria impacted the U.S. states of Florida, Texas, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina, besides the U.S. territories of U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The Greater Houston Area, where about 150,000 Indians (NRIs/PIOs) reside, was severely affected. No Indian citizen was killed or seriously injured due to the hurricanes. Two Indian students of Texas A&M University died from drowning in the same period (although not due to the hurricanes).

(c) & (d) Following measures were taken by the Government to help the Indians affected by the hurricanes:

- Our Consulates in Houston and Atlanta set up 24x7 Control Rooms, establishing emergency contact numbers and email IDs, which were widely circulated.

- Arrangements for shelter, food and medical care were made by the Consulates in partnership with Indian-American community associations, for NRI/PIOs evacuated from affected areas.
- The Consulate in Houston evacuated to safety 250 Indian students studying at the University of Houston who were stranded in the floods.
- The Consulates provided emergency Consular Services to Indians stranded in affected areas, including to the families of the two students of the Texas A&M University who lost their lives in this period.
- The Consulate in Atlanta assisted in evacuation of an 18 member-delegation from the All India Federation of Master Printers which was stranded at Orlando airport in Florida.
- The Consulate in Houston coordinated donations by Indian Diaspora for relief and reconstruction efforts, which resulted in raising of over US \$1 million donations.



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