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CLOUD BURST/LANDSLIDES IN UTTRANCHAL

Cloud burst/ Landslides Situation:

- 28 bodies recovered. Bad weather- thick fog and heavy rain, Helicopter could not land at site.
- Medical Teams, Relief, ITBP Coy and Army Column working on the site.
- Relief material moved by road.

Report received on 11.8.2002, that there was a cloud burst in the area of Tehsil Ghansyali in Distt. Tehri. The information has been obtained from Govt. of Uttranchal and the position is as under:-

1. The villages affected are Marwari, Kotsisham, Matgoan and Agonda. State Government has confirmed 28 deaths. Marwari (10), Kotsisham (3), Matgoan (4) and Agonda (11). in Ghansyali area. About 6 to 7 villages are cut off and there is apprehension that casualties may be more. 27 persons have reported injured, medical facilities provided to the wounded persons. The other affected villages are Koti, Jhala, Urni and Pinswar no casualty reported from these areas so far.
2. There are also reports of land -slides in Uttarkashi at Tahsil Bhatwari, near village Siror, where 4 persons feared dead, but this has not yet been confirmed by the State Government and they have yet to get feedback.
3. One Army column from Narender Nagar and one ITBP Coy from Gochar and one ITBP Coy from Matali have been moved in area for recce and rescue and working on the site now. 2 more ITBP coy are on the way to assist civil authority. detail feedback is awaited.
4. We have spoken to Chief Secretary Uttranchal and have been in touch with the Additional Chief Secretary, who is coordinating the operations and Resident Commissioner at Delhi.
5. As desired two Helicopters have been arranged from the Air Force and ACS (Ops) Mr. Gokhle has confirmed.
6. One Helicopter was to reach Gorkha Training Centre Helipad at 0730 hrs on 12.8.2002 for recce and to make rapid assessment of the ground situation, but is not able to land because of bad weather. Another MI 17 Helicopter for carrying relief for air- dropping and evacuation took off at 1202 hrs. on 12.8.2002, but could not land as it is raining heavily.

7. We have already sensitized Air Force/ Army that besides recce, they may be required to undertake joint operations for evacuation or for sending down troops for rescue operations on ground and for air dropping. They have assured there will not be any problem.
8. Uttranchal Govt. has setup wireless centers around the area nearest of which is about 6 Kms from the site of the disaster. The State Government has made the base camp at Ghansyali. The State Government has moved relief by road.
9. For old Tehri town, Chief Secretary informed that DM and SP have left for site, and situation so far is not serious. At the time of closing tunnel, water level was recorded 606 m., and later State Authority reported it 646 m.. We are awaiting for their feed back.
10. State Govt. has sent medical teams, which have reached by now alongwith the relief teams. For the present, the Chief Secretary, Uttranchal has informed that they do not require medical or any other assistance from Govt of India except mentioned above.
11. MHA is constantly monitoring the situation and coordinating the Central efforts.

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