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Centre rejects J&K Govt proposal for spl package to quake victims

SDRF is very meager, which was not acceptable to the victims, who have already refused to take it on the ground that it was not going to serve any purpose for them.

Under the SDRF, there was provision of only Rs 35,000 worth compensation for fully damaged pucca house and Rs 15,000 for fully damaged kucha houses, Rs 6300 for severely damaged pucca house and Rs 3200 for severely damaged kucha house, Rs 1900 for partially damaged pucca and kucha houses and Rs 1250 for damaged cattle shed.

"By no means, this compensation could heal the wounds of earthquake victims as it was too meager to repair the damaged houses and other property," sources said.

As per the official data, 47,513 houses have been damaged in Doda district in the quake and aftershocks which included 678 fully, 10255 severely and 29,317 partially. Bhaderwah town of Doda district bore the brunt of the damage. In Kishtwar district, about 100 houses have been fully damaged while 2815 were severely damaged and about 19,000 were partially damaged.

The damage was comparatively less in Ramban district.

In Doda district, damage to Government infrastructure was around Rs 89 crores while in Kishtwar it was Rs 8 crores and in Ramban Rs 1.5 crores. In Doda district, about 500 schools, 14 Primary Health Centres and 279 Community Health Centres have been damaged while in Kishtwar district, 169 schools were damaged.

Sources said the figures of damage to private property i.e. the houses, shops, cow shed and other personal and commercial establishments in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts has been worked out separately by the administration on Leh

Mining set to adversely affect ecology of Vaishno Devi shrine, pilgrims' health

is nil. However, at the same time, the Corporation applied for the Forest Clearance from the Forest Department and also unauthorizedly cut a large number of tress in order to carry out mining related works, sources added.

Even as the NMDC agreed for depositing an amount of Rs 2.36 crore as compensation to the Shrine Board for felling of trees and mining lease, the concerns of SMVDSB regarding long term adverse effect which this project might cause to the area under its jurisdiction were not addressed.

The distance between the mining area and Adh-Kuwari is just 0.8 km and that from the Bhawan, is 2.9 kms. The emission in the form of dust during mining is likely to affect the yatra as well as the surrounding habitation of village Panthal. The use of explosive in the process of mining also carries the apprehension of disturbing the strata of the hill slopes. The debris, which is going to be created during the mining is bound to affect the surrounding hill

pattern and SDRF.

The Centre had released Rs 125 crores worth special relief/rehabilitation package for Ladakh cloudburst victims of 2010. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh had announced the package after his visit to Leh after the tragedy.

The package had a provision of Rs 2 lakh each to the victims whose houses were fully damaged and Rs 1 lakh to those, whose houses were partially damaged. Rs 1 lakh ex-gratia was released for next of kin of deceased and Rs 50,000 for seriously injured. More than 200 people were killed in the cloudbursts.

Sources said though there were only two casualties in earthquake at Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts, the damage was much more as two districts—Doda and Kishtwar were completely hit by quake and there was massive damage to houses and other property of the people.

After detailed assessment of the situation, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had met Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh personally and apprised him of the damage caused by earthquake and sought Rs 607.7 crores worth package for the earthquake victims. The State Cabinet had endorsed the package.

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Ghulam Nabi Azad and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had reiterated demand for the package during the visit of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi to Kishtwar on June 25.

Worthwhile to mention here that five out of six MLAs in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts belonged to the Congress and two of them—Abdul Mujeeb Wani (R&B) and Vikar Rasool (MoS Power etc) were Ministers.

slopes that bear a green cover as on date.

However, these concerns have not been addressed in the Environment Clearance Report as the Mineral Developmental Corporation tactfully concealed these aspects in its project report submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Further, as per the provisions of Section 17(2) of the J&K Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Act, 1988, the land vested in the Board can not be alienated without the resolution of the Board. However, as per the available information, lease of the land was allegedly granted without any resolution of the Board thus violating provisions of the SMVDSB Act, 1988.

Moreover, as per the report of the Indian Bureau of mines, the amount of Magnesite available in J&K is about 0.2 percent of the total Magnesite reserve in India. For this small quantity of Magnesite, the world famous shrine, its pilgrimage and the environment and ecology are being put at risk.

Army chief visits Keran, Divisional Hqrs of Army

of the militants who are desperate to infiltrate into Kashmir valley.

The Army chief visited the Kupwara based 28 Division of the Army where he was briefed by the General Officer Commanding, Major General, Lalit Pandey about the situation along the LoC in Tangdhar,Keran, Macchil and Gurez sectors. He was given detailed account of the counter-infiltration measures put in place in these sectors by the Army.

The GOC told the Army chief that there are over 300 militants waiting on the launching pads on the other side of the LoC in Tangdhar,Keran, Macchil and Gurez sectors. He said that troops on the LoC are alert to foil any infiltration attempt.

The Army chief visited the Baramulla based 19 Division Headquarter of the Army. The GOC Major General VG Kandare briefed the Army chief about the situation along Gulmarg, Rampur, Uri and Nowgam sectors along the LoC. Sources said that the Major General told Army chief that the militants across the LoC are desperate to infiltrate but Army's heightened vigil prevents them from infiltrating through these sectors.

The Army chief later visited the Sharifabad headquarters of counter-insurgency Kilo Force that conducts operations in North Kashmir against militants. The GOC Kilo Force Major General

Clashes in Ganderbal, several hurt

ple at Dangerpor and Bursu and its adjoining localities came to the streets and held massive protest demonstrations against his death.

The protesters pelted stones towards police and CRPF. The forces also fired dozens of tear gas shells and resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the protesters.

The protesters showed stiff resistance and continued stone pelting at police. The additional deployment of security forces was made in the areas to control the situation.

Reports said that before the clashes had started, a head constable Mohammad Sarwar was made hostage by the protesters when he entered into a protest demonstration and tried to pacify them not to protest. The angry protesters made him hostage and beat him seriously.

Another, police officer, Abdul Kabir an ASI was also beaten by the protesters, when he tried to rescue his colleague. Both the policemen were later released by the protesters.

Reports also said that a local leader of ruling National Conference Abdul Rahim Mir was also attacked by the protesters when he tried to address them.

The protesters were demanding a high level inquiry about the death of Ganie. Several localities of the areas including Dangerpor, Bursu and people from other villages reached Larsen, the native village of the Ganie to protest against his mysterious death.

The clashes between the police and youths continued till

Pak for security coop with India

Replying to a question on the leaked Abbottabad report which came down heavily on Pakistani security establishment, he said "let me say clearly that the version of the report that you see is a version and Government of Pakistan has said that the report is yet to be issued".

He claimed Pakistan has

Despite lapse of 21 yrs, Reasi grid station remains in limbo

completed during the past over two decades", sources said. "In the absence of this grid station people of Reasi have been facing immense difficulties as this district is dependent on Burn-Katra Transmission Line, which too develops snags very frequently due to use of sub-standard material on 18 out of 58 towers", they added.

In response to a question, sources said, "though an enquiry was initiated into use of sub-standard material but

Sarath Chand briefed him about the successful operations conducted by his force in North Kashmir.

The Army chief also visited the Awantipora headquarters of the counter-insurgency Victor Force of Army. He was briefed by GOC Victor Force, Major General R R Nimbhorkar about the operations conducted by Army in South and Central Kashmir by his force. He was also briefed about the Army's efforts to ensure peaceful Yatra and security arrangements put in place by the Victor Force for Amarnath yatra.

Earlier in the morning the Army chief called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and briefed him about various aspects of infiltration from across the LoC and overall security scenario in the State.

An official statement issued here said that the Chief Minister and Chief of the Army Staff discussed issues concerning the internal and external security situation.

Army Chief informed Omar about the various aspects of infiltration from across the LoC, and the overall security scenario in the State, the statement added. They also discussed issues relating to the security aspects of the ongoing Amarnath Yatra.

Before calling on Chief Minister the Army chief visited the 92-Base hospital of the Army and inquired about the health of the Army personnel admitted there. He hoped their speedy recovery and lauded their role for fighting militancy in Kashmir.

late in the evening. The heavy deployment of police and CRPF was deployed in the area to control the situation.

The Hurriyat Conference (G) Chairman Syed Ali shah Geelani has given post Friday prayers protest call outside mosques against the mysterious deaths of two Kashmiri youths, Parvez Ahmad Tali of Qalambanpora Srinagar and Abid Ahmad Ganie of Larsun, Ganderbal.

The Hurriyat Conference (G) Chairman said that the mysterious deaths of two Kashmiri youths in Mumbai and Rajasthan is a serious issue and unless the real causes of the deaths are not come to public, the Hurriyat Conference with the support of the public will not remain silent and would protest against these deaths.

Meanwhile, the body of Zubair Ahmad of Dalina Baramulla was today fished from river Jhelum after he was drowned in it on Sunday evening.

The most of the shops in Dalina villages remained closed after the body of Zubair Ahmad, a driver by profession was fished out from the river Jhelum, after he was drowned in the river Jhelum on Sunday evening after he enter into the river for a bath.

The people in the areas yesterday held protest demonstrations against the alleged delay of the rescue teams of the civil and police administration. The police had to fire smoke shells to disperse the protesters after they blocked the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad high way.

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done a lot in the fight against terrorism.

"And I think that this argument has continued to be made about Pakistan's intentions or commitments. This is rather futile because it is something that is a demonstrated commitment," he said. (PTI)

CBI compelled to surrender Rs 4 cr for Housing project

sures in the State and despite several efforts nothing has changed for the past two years".

"Union Government head-quarter had released funds to the tune of Rs 4 crores for the prestigious project after finalization of the deal with JDA. But, due to non-availability of land, we have been compelled to surrender this amount", he said adding, "most of our officials are living in rented accommodation and face lot of hardships".

Deploing the state of affairs, sources said, "we have been made to suffer despite paying the final payment to JDA and completing all the required legal formalities".

Vice Chairman, JDA,

Free treatment to pregnant women: Azad

They will also be able to avail free consultation from doctors at Government hospitals for 45 days from delivery and infants will be given free treatment at the hospitals for one year, Azad said at a press conference.

The minister said adolescent children (16 years and above) will be provided weekly supplements of iron and folic acid to prevent anaemic diseases in the children.

In February this year, Congress President Sonia Gandhi had launched 'Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakram' providing free medical care and diagnostic tests to children from class one to 12, he said.

For better awareness of available medical care programmes, facilities and doctors, slots with Doordarshan and All India Radio had bought, where interactive sessions with speciality and super-speciality doctors were broadcast five days in a week for an hour, the minister said.

Noting that the new doctors are reluctant to join their first posting in rural areas, Azad said, the Health Ministry was contem-

Pak national nabbed on IB

He has been identified as Fiaz Ahmed, 48, son of Mohammad Saddique, a resident of Raipur, Sialkot, Pakistan.

At the time of arrest, no incriminating documents and material were recovered from the possession of Pakistani national. However, he was being quizzed by the

SC reprimands J&K on Ranjay killing

been taken and are being contemplated to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future," the court said and asked the Centre and the State Government to file affidavits.

"Look, such incidents have happened in Pakistan and in India. In so far as Pakistan is concerned, we have no control and so far as India is concerned, we have got the control. You must tell us about the steps taken to ensure that such incidents do not happen again," it said.

The court, after perusing the affidavit filed by J&K Government, expressed unhappiness there was "not a single word" about investigation into Ranjay's death though 72 days had passed since the incident.

"You must have held some preliminary inquiry. What are the findings. This (affidavit) is nothing as it does not give as to what had happened? How it happened? It does not even say the date on which the FIR was

IT surveys 2 traders' premises

M/s Gupta Decorators is dealing with the furnishing items while as M/s Kulbir Singh and Company is dealing in hardware items. "There was information that these traders were not disclosing their exact income", sources said, adding "exact evasion would come to fore during the detailed scrutiny of the impounded documents which is

Amarnath pilgrimage crosses 2.5 lakh

pilgrims who left by air, he added.

The spokesman said that the weather was cloudy on both the tracks entire day and the weather forecast for next 24 hours is that there will be rain fall or thunder showers at isolated places on holy cave routes.

The spokesman said the rush of pilgrims has considerably gone down and with 15,000 pilgrims performing darshan every day during first fortnight it has reduced to 10,000 pilgrims now.

Satish Nehru when contacted said, "we have been vehemently pursuing the case at all levels and all efforts are being made to resolve the issue. We are also looking at option of providing some alternate land to investigating agency".

Sources in JDA said, "the dispute has been intentionally created by some habitual encroachers. They have been making all possible efforts to stall the residential building project".

"They have even moved now application under the garb of Roshni Scheme that the rights of said land be provided to them", sources confirmed.

Intrusion bid foiled on LoC

that there was no successful infiltration attempt.

"The infiltration attempt, if any, was thwarted," sources said, adding no militant was allowed to reach close to the LoC by the Indian Army, which opened firing to neutralize the intrusion bid.

EO held for illegal appointments

gal appointments made in Municipal Committee Sumbal during the year 2009-10.

State Vigilance Organization is also investigating two more cases of similar nature of

At some places, small arms firing from Pakistan side continued till late tonight.

Meanwhile, security forces today detected and defused an HE 36 grenade at Bafliaz in Surankote area of Poonch district.

Municipal Committees Hajin and Bandipora besides the possession of disproportionate assets case against the said accused.

Cracks in Kedarnath temple, sanctum sanctorum safe: ASI

NEW DELHI, July 16:

Huge cracks have developed in some places in the Kedarnath shrine, which faced the fury of last month's floods, although the sanctum sanctorum has escaped damage, according to preliminary assessment of Archaeological Survey of India.

The ASI has been given the responsibility to restore the Kedarnath temple, which was damaged in the deluge and landslides last month. ASI's Dehradun circle team visited the shrine on July 11 to make a first hand assessment of damage.

"Our three-member team has visited the temple on July 11 and handed over the preliminary report to higher officials in Delhi. Report suggests that there was not much visible damage to the garbha griha," Atul Bhargava, the Superintendent Archaeologist, Dehradun circle, told PTI.

"Maximum damage is to the eastern part of the Mandapa. The Ishaan temple is completely washed away in the flood. Several stones have been dislodged from the western gate and the exterior part of sanctum sanctorum. But it is really difficult to assess the actual damage till the debris is removed. There is still 2 to 6 feet debris there," he said.

Meanwhile Dr B R Mani, assistant director general and the head of ASI team for restoration work of Kedarnath, said that this is just a preliminary assessment of damage and actual picture will be clear after the inspection of experts team.

Mani was supposed to visit the shrine in the first week of July but could not go due to bad weather.

Corruption charges framed against ZEO

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 16: Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu, Jaffer Hussain Beigh today framed corruption charges against Mohammad Muqem, son of Qamar Din of Kursari, the then ZEO Gandoh Bhalessa and Munir Ahmed, son of Ghulam Mustafa Bhat, resident of Doda, the then Teacher-cum-clerk Education Department, for demanding and accepting illegal gratification of Rs 10,000.

According to the prosecution case, on 4th April, 2012 the complainant Dular Singh, son of Devi Singh of Gandoh lodged a written complaint in Vigilance Organisation alleg-

ing that the complainant was working as an adhoc teacher in Government Primary School, Sayie Gandoh and the accused persons were demanding Rs 10,000 for crediting his pay arrears into his account.

Accordingly, a trap was laid during which Munir Ahmed was caught red handed while demanding and accepting Rs 10,000 from the complainant Dular Singh in criminal conspiracy with accused ZEO Mohammad Muqem.

After hearing Senior PO Himanshu Gupta appearing for the Vigilance Organization, Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption framed charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Govt to push food, land bills on first day of Par session

NEW DELHI, July 16:

With an eye on the Lok Sabha polls, the Government will try to push the Food Security Bill and Land Acquisition Bill as soon as Parliament meets for Monsoon Session on August 5.

Sources said the Government is likely to list these two bills in the agenda of the business of the very first day of the session.

"These are the two key policy measures we are trying to push," a source said.

The Government sees the Food Security Bill, which will provide right to subsidised food to 82 crore people, as a game changer in the 2014 elections.

It has pushed through an ordinance to implement the food security measure early this month.

The bill proposes to provide 5 kg of rice, wheat and coarse grains at Rs 3, Rs 2, Rs 1 per kg respectively, every month to three-fourths of rural population and half of the urban population in the country.

Several parties including Samajwadi Party, which extends outside support to the Government and BJP are opposed the measure.

Finance Minister P Chidambaram today expressed the hope that the opposition would

help ensure its passage in the coming session of Parliament. He rejected the criticism that the ordinance was brought in a hurry.

There is no question of taking political mileage on the issue, Chidambaram said.

Meanwhile, Rural Development Minister Jairam Ramesh is confident that all parties would support the Land Acquisition Bill.

He has noted that the bill, which seeks to provide fair compensation to the farmers with adequate safeguards, has gone through "unprecedented all-party efforts".

Ramesh has also said that two "crucial amendments" suggested by Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj have been incorporated "in toto to her satisfaction".

A broad consensus was reached among political parties during the recess period of the Budget Session in April over the much-awaited bill after the Government gave in to a key demand of BJP for 50 per cent compensation to the original farmers whose land has been purchased after the introduction of the bill in Lok Sabha in September 5, 2011. (PTI)

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