

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao on Monday asked the Centre to release adequate compensation to the Telangana State which had incurred heavy losses due to heavy unseasonal rains that occurred all over the State last September. He was interacting with a central team who visited the state to assess the situation following heavy rains occurred last September. The Central Team was headed by Union Joint Secretary (Home) Sri Dilip Kumar. The Central Team on Saturday and Sunday visited Siddipet, Karimnagar, Sangareddy and other districts to assess the damage.

The Chief Minister explained to the visiting Central team that the heavy rains that occurred last September in the State had caused heavy damage to the crops and basic infrastructure. The amount of rainfall that was received during the unseasonal rainfall was about 31cms on a particular day. Further, heavy damage was averted as several canals were cleared as part of the State Government's prestigious Mission Kakatiya programme. "Or else all the canals would have breached due to the heavy influx that they have received due to the torrential rains", CM told the visiting Central Team.

The CM also explained to the Central Team about the existence of about 75,000 lakes during the Kakatiya Dynasty and how they were all destroyed under the united Andhra Pradesh state. He also detailed to the Team how his government had embarked upon reviving about 46,000 lakes. The clearing up works taken up under Mission Kakatiya programme had yielded good results and prevented lakes from breaching during the heavy rainfall last September. However, there were some lakes which were not covered under Mission Kakatiya have suffered damage which also became detrimental to the standing crops. Several roads and bridges were damaged partially collapsed. Heavy damages occurred to the power lines and other infrastructure. The CM also informed the Central Team members on how the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad have bore the brunt due to the heavy rains. He said the government had already spent about Rs 150 crore in the twin cities for the restoration of roads, power lines and other infrastructure.

The Chief Minister said a preliminary assessment put the losses at Rs 2,400 crore and a detailed assessment was being prepared whose report would be sent to the Centre for an adequate assistance.

Head of the central Team Sri Dilip Kumar said the team had personally visited the affected regions and made a preliminary assessment. He assured the Chief Minister that they would do

their best to help the State. He said the Team would submit a detailed report to the Centre on the matter.

Sri A Krishna Prasad, Regional Officer Central Roads and Highways, Sri S. K. Koteswar, Oilseeds Director, SE Water Resources Ministry Sri O.R.K. Reddy, Sri RB. Kaul, Assistant Director (Finance), Sri Jagdeesh Kumar Assistant Commissioner (Rural Development) were part of the Central Team.

In the Central Team's meeting with CM, Deputy CM Sri Mohammed Ali, MPs Sri Balka Suman, Sri Konda Vishweswar Reddy, Sri BB Patil, State Chief Secretary Sri Rajeev Sharma, Special Chief Secretaries Sri Pradeep Chandra, Sri SK Joshi, Sri SP Singh, Sri MG. Gopal, Principal secretaries Sri Parthasarathy, Sri Ramakrishna Rao, Sri Sunil Sharma, GHMC Commissioner Sri B Janardhan Reddy, Agriculture Commissioner Sri Jagan Mohan, Transport Commissioner Sri Sandip Sultania, SPDCL CMD SriRaghuma Reddy and other senior officials were present.

CPRO to CM