

# JAYA SEEKS CENTRAL AID FOR TN FLOOD RELIEF

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Blaming Andhra Pradesh partially for the floods in northern Tamil Nadu, chief minister J Jayalalithaa on Tuesday sought Rs 25,912.45 crore for relief and restoration measures from the Central government.

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, she said, "You are personally aware that many parts of Tamil Nadu received unprecedented torrential rains in the first week of December 2015, leading to a deluge in the Chennai Metropolitan area and in the adjoining Districts."

She also pointed out that "The situation was worsened by release of water from reservoirs in southern Andhra Pradesh, including Pichathur and Krishnapuram, which flowed into drainage systems in northern Tamil Nadu. Roads were flooded and essential services, including trains and bus transport, had to be suspended in many loca-



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tions." The Government of Tamil Nadu's earlier memorandum on flood damages, dated 23 November, 2015, evaluated relief measures at Rs 8481 crore based on three incessant spells of rainfall.

However, Jayalalithaa clarified that the fourth and most severe spell of rainfall occurred only after the visit of the central team, after which the state would need a total sum of Rs 25,912.45 crores for relief and restoration measures.



An aerial view of the flood-hit areas of Kanchipuram district on the outskirts of Chennai. #file photo

Jayalalithaa further said that though the state government was committed to rebuilding infrastructure and reducing the distress caused to the people due to the floods, it was, "Difficult for the Government of Tamil Nadu to meet the costs, particularly after the huge loss of Central tax devolution and transfers suffered by the state, consequent to the 14th Finance Commission's recommendations," she said.

While requesting the Prime Minister to kindly instruct the Ministry of

Home Affairs and the other ministries concerned to consider the state's memorandum for assistance on account of flood damages and to release the necessary funds at the earliest, she pointed out that the rains during the North-East monsoon this year had caused enormous devastation to crops, property and public infrastructure, in addition to loss of livelihood, life and cattle and that the floods in Tamil Nadu had already been declared as a "Calamity of Severe Nature."

# Climate activist says govt succumbed to US pressure in Paris

Aparnesh Goswami, Hindustan Times, Bikaner | Updated: Dec 23, 2015 11:18 IST



*Prakash Javadekar, however, said the Paris summit was a victory for India. (AFP photo)*

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As the contours of the Paris agreement unravel, Magsasay award-winning water conservationist Rajendra Singh has accused the Centre of bartering adaptation for its right to use high emission-intensive coal.

Adaptation was one of the most sought-after elements of the Paris agreement as it has a direct bearing on the lives of people living in vulnerable regions such as drought-prone Rajasthan and Bundelkhand in Madhya Pradesh and high intensity rain-hit areas of Uttarakhand.

Talking to HT, Singh accused the Indian negotiating team for losing a hundred billion just to get the right to use coal for its manufacturing sector. "It's a defeat for us as we were a guru (master) in the field of protecting wildlife and nature. But now we left a free path for those who are harming the nature," he said. Singh, who was in Paris for the conference, accused the United States for causing climate change and claimed that India succumbed to the US pressure by agreeing to a weak commitment of rich nations for climate adaptation.

"We spoke of climate justice in the context of allowing the use of coal for 300 million people who don't have power. This is not the climate justice that we want," he said.

Meanwhile, the government on Tuesday assured the Lok Sabha that there would be no adverse impact on India's development due to commitments made at the climate summit as the country will attain sustainable growth while reducing its carbon emissions.

Environment minister Prakash Javadekar said the outcome of the Paris climate summit was a victory for India and the country would reduce its carbon emissions. "We will work on carbon efficiency path," he said in reply to questions.

Elaborating on the outcome of the Paris climate talks, the minister said it has been decided that differentiated action would be taken by developed and developing countries with respect to reducing carbon emissions.

*(With inputs from HTC in New Delhi)*

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