

## Red Cross Relief for Uttarakhand and Hilly States

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Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Chairman IRCS & Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers flagged off relief supplies for Uttarakhand and UT's of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh. Along with blankets, the supplies to Uttarakhand consist of mosquito nets, kitchen sets, tents etc. The flag off function was held at Nirman Bhawan.

Recent landslides & flash floods have been severe in Uttarakhand. To supplement the efforts of the State Government, three truck loads of relief supplies have been sent to Uttarakhand. In addition, Ministry of Health has also sent medicines for the suffering population.

The terrains in hilly states experience biting cold in the winter months. The blankets are being prepositioned so that in times of any crisis people affected are supported immediately.

While flagging off the supplies Shri Mandaviya mentioned, "Red Cross assists the most vulnerable & needy in times of disasters & other crisis situations. He added that people affected by severe flooding are already being assisted by the local Red Cross branches. The national headquarters is supplementing their efforts by sending fresh supplies."



He further added that prepositioning of relief items is under process for use by vulnerable states which consists of, among other items, about one lakh blankets, one lakh hygiene kits, one lakh tarpaulins and 75,000 kitchen sets. He added that prepositioning is the backbone of disaster management.