# State Govt's scale of relief a drop in ocean: BJP

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To consider and discuss post disaster situation in the state and the measures required to be taken by the government to ensure that the victim's lives are back on the rails, a meeting of BJP MLAs was held at party headquarters on Thursday. It was presided over by State General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul and attended by MLAs Ashok Khajuria, Sham Choudhary, Baldev Raj Sharma, Jagdish
Raj Sapolia, Durga Dass, Sukhnandan Kumar, Bharat Bhushan and Prof Gharu Ram.
The prevailing conditions of the victims of the floods were highlighted and considered minutely. It was felt that the post disaster management of the state government was not adequate and commensurate with the enormity of the tragedy that has befallen the unfortunate victims. It was also felt that the Omar Abdullah led government and its State Disaster Rescue Force (SDRF) is doing a mere white washing job and that too in a very slipshod manner and whatever little the government was doing that too was selective and lacked universality.
Terming the recommendations by SDRF as a drop in the ocean and cruel joke with the affected families, the MLAs, with one voice condemned and disapproved the relief quantum recommended by it for the various types of dwellings and cattle as grossly inadequate. It termed the quantum of relief as a big joke for the victims who have lost everything and are without any clue as to where from their next meal is going to come. The attitude and the approach of the concerned authorities are insensitive and callous, they alleged.
The MLAs in the meeting demanded that compensation for death should be at least Rs 5 lakh instead of mere Rs 1.5 lakh as recommended by SDRF. Similarly, it was observed that small commercial units like water mills/gharaat, shops and other business units have been totally ignored. Further, the MLAs said that the cruelest joke is the recommendation of Rs 9,300 for serious and grave injuries, while it should have been at least Rs 1 lakh. While putting a question mark on the rationality of the SDRF, the MLAs said that the recommended scale of compensation for completely damaged pacca and kacha houses, partially damaged houses, losses of life stock, household items was unrealistic and grossly inadequate. The MLAs said that massive assistance is being poured in from the centre and as such demanded that the government should immediately direct the SDRF to base its recommendations in accordance with the present day market rates and prices.

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