

## GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

During the flood in Kerala, the Centre has provided urgent aid and relief material in a timely manner and without any reservation to the State. The situation has been regularly monitored by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on daily basis and he visited the State on August 17-18, 2018.

Following the decisions taken during these meetings, Centre launched massive rescue and relief operations. In one of the largest rescue operations, 40 helicopters, 31 aircraft, **182** teams for rescue, **18** Medical Teams of Defence forces, **58** teams of NDRF, **7** companies of CAPFs were pressed into service along with over **500** boats and necessary rescue equipments. They successfully saved over **60,000** human lives by rescuing them from marooned areas and shifting them to relief camps. Defence aircrafts and helicopters have made **1,084** sorties of duration **1,168** flying hours and airlifted **1,286** tonne of load and carried **3,332** rescuers. In addition, a number of Navy and Coast Guard ships were pressed into service to carry relief material to Kerala. The search and rescue operations and mobilisation of resources alone would cost the Central Government hundreds of crore of rupees..