Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade

Communiqué

Mauritians Stranded in Srinagar

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade has been closely monitoring the situation of a group of 30 Mauritian nationals who were stranded in Srinagar, India, as a result of heavy floods. The group was on a tour to Kashmir organized by the Appadoo Travel and Tours Ltd.

Through our High Commission, the Ministry requested the assistance of the Indian Government for the early retrieval and evacuation of the Mauritian nationals to a safety zone. It was also planned to send a diplomatic team to Srinagar to expedite search and rescue efforts.

The Ministry is pleased to inform that all members of the group have by 12 September 2014 reached New Delhi safely by way of airlifting from Srinagar by the Indian army. Our High Commissioner met most of them and reassured them of the support of Government for their safe return to Mauritius.

However, we have been advised that there are five more Mauritians who have travelled on their own and may also be stranded in the affected areas. We are following closely the matter.

Relatives of the concerned persons may contact the Ministry through our officers in charge of the matter on the 405-2611 (during office hours) and on the 5727 6575 or 5257 4566 (after office hours).

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