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**Thiruvananthapuram: Assess loss of life and property caused by rain**

**Union Ministers to visit State, submit report to PM**

They will assess loss of life and property caused by rains

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju and Union Minister of State for Tourism K.J. Alphons will visit the flood-hit areas of Alappuzha, Kottayam, and Ernakulam on Saturday.

The Union Ministers will make a preliminary assessment of the loss of life and property owing to the heavy rains and submit their re-

port to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The two Ministers will arrive in Kochi from Delhi in the morning and proceed to Alappuzha by helicopter. They will visit the coastal areas and the Kuttanad region by boat.

Later, the Central Ministers will leave for Kottayam by helicopter to have a first-hand assessment of the damage caused by the floods

there. The team will then go to Ernakulam by helicopter and visit the Chellanam area that has been badly hit by sea erosion.

National Disaster Management Authority member R.K. Jain; joint secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Sanjeev Kumar Jindal; and NDRF Inspector General G. Ravi Joseph Lokku will accompany the Central Ministers.