

# ASSESSMENT /EVALUATION REPORT OF MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT (MRP)

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## A. DETAILS OF PROJECT

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Title of the Project : **“Exploring the Dynamics of Vulnerability to Natural Disaster for Sustainable Hazard Mitigation: The Case of 2013 Flood-Hit Uttarakhand”**

Total duration of Project : **1/7/2015 TO 30/6/2018 (3 Years)**

Project Status : **Completed**

Subject : **Sociology**

File Number (Ref. No.) : **F.NO. 5-370/2014 (HRP) DATED: 5/10/2015**

Grants Approved : **Rs. 12, 61, 406/- (Twelve Lakh Sixty One Thousand and Four Hundred and Six)**

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## B. EVALUATION REPORT OF EXPERT MEMBER

1	Name of Principal Investigator:	<b>DR. PRADEEP KUMAR PARIDA</b>
2	Designation:	Associate Professor
3	Address of Principal Investigator, Email, Cell no.	Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry – 605 014. India. Email: <a href="mailto:pradeeparida2003@gmail.com">pradeeparida2003@gmail.com</a> Cell No: 94420 35046
4	Whether work is focused on the title of the sanctioned project:	Yes, this work has focused on the title of the sanctioned project.
5	Whether original work is done:	Yes, the work is original and provided new direction.
6	Whether significant contribution made by the Principal Investigator:	Of course, the principal investigator has made significant contribution in the field of disaster research. This work offers guideline to reduce disaster in the state of Uttarakhand, India.
7	Whether proposed work have relevance to the society/scientific community:	Yes, this work has tremendous significance for the development of disaster society.
8	What type of contribution found in the final	Theoretical and practical issues are

	report: Theoretical/Practical. If there are theoretical contributions given by the principal investigator whether real applications are given:	addressed. The principal investigator through various indicators has offered suggestions to reduce natural disaster in any mountainous region.
9	Whether theoretical contributions and their results and finds are published:	Yes, two papers are published in national journals.
10	Whether results and findings are significant:	Yes, considering the nature of work, the result is significant. This study provided foundation for creating recommendations for local policy issues. Further, thorough vulnerability analyses, it has indicated the need to reform the larger political economy of institutions, policies, social hierarchies and practices that shaped well-being, capacity for self-protection and entitlements.
11	Whether the significant publications made by the principal investigators are in peer reviewed journals:	Yes, original publications are made by the principal investigator.
12	The number of publications made by principal investigator in standard reputed journals	<p>1. <b>Parida, P.K.</b> (2016) "Understanding the Elderly in Natural Disaster: Need for Comprehensive Disaster Planning", <i>Research Process</i>, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 51-62.</p> <p>2. <b>Parida, P.K.</b> (2015) "Natural Disaster and Women's Mental Health", <i>Social Change</i>, Vol. 45, No. 2, pp. 256-275 (Sage Publications).</p>
13	Whether contributions made by the principal investigators is sufficient	Yes, this work will help to bring more papers in near future.
14	The findings and results of the sanctioned Major Research Project are justifiable:	Yes, the principal investigator has justified the importance of this enquiry. The work is going to bring new ideas for the development of vulnerable population concerning natural disaster.
15	Whether completed project work meet the proposed objectives:	Yes, the results and findings support the objectives. All the objectives are discussed and analyzed by employing appropriate methods.
16	Give your brief comments on the overall work of the project:	The work is based on the dynamics of vulnerability of the 2013 Uttarakhand floods. It is methodologically sound as the principal investigator has covered a vast area and employed both qualitative and quantitative methods which justified the nature of the work. Theoretically also, the

		work is sound one. Findings are helpful for the society.
17	Any specific comments:	Flood is a continual problem all over the world, more particularly in developing countries like India. Since floods are regularly affecting the people of hilly areas of India, knowledge from this project report would offer valuable insights into the problems created by the threat of natural disasters. The research work explored the issues of vulnerability in a hilly and mountain area for developing a broad flood susceptibility reduction strategy.
18	Indicate your overall assessment of the project- Poor/Good/Excellent	Excellent

Date: 23.11.2018.


Place: CHENNAI

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