

Subject: Calling attention notice given by Mr. Qaiser Jamsheed Lone, Hon'ble MLC.

**“To call the attention of the government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to drowning of a young boy at Sogam Lolab in a local pound.”**

**Reply**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at about 1100 hours, one boy, namely, Bilal Ahmad Rather S/o Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Rather R/o Kanipora Sogam, aged about 22 years, slipped and drowned in an irrigation pond at Sogam. The District Administration made serious efforts to retrieve the body. However, in view of the depth of the pond, the body could not be fished out on the same day. Further, the operation had to be suspended during night and was resumed at 0630 hrs on the next morning. The body of the deceased was fished out on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 with the help of Navy (MARCOS). After completion of legal/medical formalities, the body was handed over to his legal heirs for burial. A report to this effect has been entered in the Daily Dairy of Police Station, Sogam, vide report No. 04 dated 18.05.2016. As the scene of occurrence is nearer to the Degree College and Boys Higher Secondary School, Sogam, around 200-300 people gathered at the pond.

In view of the incident, people have been demanding establishment of a well equipped National Disaster Response Force/State Disaster Response Force in the District.



**Under Secretary to the Government  
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