On the recent cyclone and tidal waves lashed along the coast of Midnapur district, West Bengal

A strong cyclonic wind lashed along the southern part of Midnapur district, West Bengal for three days during 20th to 22nd August, 1997. The excessive tidal waves caused by the cyclone was so mighty that extensive interior areas were inundated resulting in heavy loss to marine fishery sector. The landing centres badly affected were Digha, Digha Mohana, Paramanighat and Janasahi Jatmati. The total loss estimated by Digha Fishermen and Fish Traders Association was about Rs. 13.5 lakh. Nearly 350 fish auction stalls, 70 fishermen houses and a large number of nets and other fishing equipments were either completely washed away or damaged resulting in a loss of about Rs. 11 lakhs. Drinking water systems like water tank, deep tube well and pipe lines for water supply were completely damaged. Transportation system was badly affected due to submerged roads.

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