

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3254**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 2023/ CHAITRA 8, 1945 (SAKA)

TRAINING OF NDRF

3254 # SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has trained a large number of people in the country to deal with the natural calamities;

(b) if so, the State-wise/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the NDRF will take such initiative in future to train maximum number of people in the country against natural calamities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government for better preparedness against the disasters?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): Public awareness and training are essential for effective disaster management in the country. The mandate of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is to provide specialist response during disasters and proactive deployment in impending disaster situations. NDRF imparts basic and operational level training to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Police and other stakeholders like Civil Defence, Home Guard, etc.

NDRF is relentlessly engaged in Community Capacity Building and public awareness and preparedness programmes i.e. School Safety Programme, Community awareness programme and training to other stakeholders, wherein communities and school children are trained and prepared to deal with disasters as first responder. NDRF also conducts capacity building and training of volunteers like Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS) etc. The State/ UT wise details of persons trained/ sensitized, so far by NDRF are attached as Annexure-I.

(e): The Central Government with its continuous efforts has significantly improved its preparedness to deal with natural calamities. The measures taken by the Central and State Governments have significantly improved disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention and response mechanism resulting in significant reduction in casualties during natural calamities in the country. The various initiatives taken by the Central Government for better preparedness against the disasters in the country are attached as Annexure-II.

The details of State/ UT wise persons trained/ sensitized, so far by NDRF

Sr.No.	States / UTs	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	230615
2	Arunachal Pradesh	144830
3	Assam	461761
4	A & N Island	9087
5	Bihar	811745
6	Chandigarh	24256
7	Chhattishgarh	100118
8	Daman & Diu	11917
9	Delhi	316025
10	Gujarat	544476
11	Haryana	169428
12	Himachal Pradesh	226146
13	Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)	78139
14	Karnataka	180593
15	Kerala	189988
16	Madhya Pradesh	68707
17	Maharashtra	405045
18	Manipur	43397
19	Meghalaya	44565
20	Mizoram	40807
21	Nagaland	119480
22	Odisha	467972
23	Punjab	561090
24	Rajasthan	288789
25	Sikkim	63115
26	Tamil Nadu	282381
27	Telangana	56598
28	Tripura	152945
29	Uttarakhand	345688
30	Uttar Pradesh	534141
31	Jharkhand	228520
32	West Bengal	382326
33	Lakshadweep	7707
34	Puducherry (UT)	37185
35	Goa	15627
36	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7814
	Total	7653023

The details of various initiatives taken by the Central Government for better preparedness against the disasters in the country

- i. There are institutional mechanisms at the National, State & District level in the country to develop appropriate preparedness and prompt response mechanism for effective management of natural disasters.**
- ii. The first National Disaster Management Plan was issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in 2016 and it was revised after review in 2019. NDMA has also issued 33 guidelines for management of hazard specific disaster on various thematic and cross-cutting issues.**
- iii. Central Government has established a robust early warning system and has significantly enhanced accuracy of weather forecasts. Forecasting agencies are continuing their efforts for the improvement of warning and dissemination systems vigorously.**
- iv. Mock exercises and community awareness programmes are being regularly conducted to educate people to deal with the natural calamities.**
- v. AapdaMitra Scheme has been launched to train 1,00,000 community volunteers in disaster rescue in 350 multi-hazards disaster prone districts, covering all States/UTs. Financial outlay of the scheme is Rs. 369.40 Crore. Till date, more than 69000 volunteers have been trained so far.**
- vi. Further, for dissemination of location based targeted alerts/ warnings through SMS in vernacular language 'Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) based Integrated Alert System' having financial outlay of Rs. 354.83 crore have been made operational across the country.**
- vii. The Coastal areas in eight Coastal States, that experience frequent cyclones, are covered under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) that is building capacities in cyclone prone areas to reduce the loss of lives and livelihoods.**

- viii. **To inform, educate and to make the people aware, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) runs awareness generation campaigns through electronic and print media, including social media, on various disasters, from time to time. These campaigns include Do's & Don'ts, Audio-Visual films, messages containing preparedness before, during and after disaster events.**
- ix. **The 16 Battalions of NDRF are located as per vulnerability profile of the country to provide immediate response during disasters or impending disaster situations.**
- x. **Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended creation of National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) and State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) for a period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. An amount of Rs. 68,463 crore is allocated for NDRMF and Rs. 1,60,153 crore for SDRMF. These allocations are further divided into response funds and mitigation funds at the National and State level, which together covers all the four phases of disaster management cycle viz. preparedness, response, recovery & reconstruction and mitigation.**
