

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2298**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH AUGUST, 2023/ SRAVANA 18, 1945 (SAKA)

NDRF OPERATIONS IN PUNJAB

2298 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rescue operations have been initiated by the Ministry, in Punjab, owing to the flood ridden conditions;**
- (b) if so, how many rescue operations have been undertaken so far;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has ensured sufficient medical aid being available to the affected citizens;**
- (d) the details of the number of NDRF troops that have been deployed in the flood battered regions of Punjab;**
- (e) whether the Ministry is going to increase the deployment of NDRF substantially in the regions; and**
- (f) whether sufficient rescue camps have been established by the Ministry?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): As per the National Disaster Management Policy, 2009, the primary responsibility for disaster management, rests with the State Governments, Central Government extends all possible logistics and financial supports to the States to supplement their efforts to meet the situation effectively. During and in the aftermath of any disaster, setting

up of relief camps and providing relief facilities, including sufficient medical aid to the affected people is done by the State Government concerned. As per information provided by the State Government of Punjab, a total of 103 relief camps have been established in the State during the recent floods.

Further, based on the request received from the State Government of Punjab, to supplement the efforts of the State, 11 Teams of National Disaster response Force (NDRF) have been deployed in the flood affected areas of the State. NDRF has so far rescued 308 persons, evacuated 4335 persons and retrieved 02 dead bodies apart from rescuing 202 livestock in Punjab. Additionally, in respect of the State of Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory of Chandigarh, 01 Battalion of NDRF has been presently functioning from Bhatinda to provide specialist response in case of any threatening disaster situation or disaster. Further, as per information provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as on 3rd August, 2023, no specific request for any medical assistance from the State Government of Punjab has been received.
