

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 233**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024/ SRAVANA 2, 1946 (SAKA)**

**WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

**233 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:**

**DR. DINESH SHARMA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether there is any provision to encourage representation of women under the Prime Minister's Ten-Point Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction;**

**(b) the details of initiatives taken by Government to provide leadership role to women in Disaster Risk Reduction; and**

**(c) the measures being taken for representation of women in disaster management cadres at various levels from district to national level?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) Yes Sir. The Prime Minister has enunciated ten-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction and the item No. 3 lays emphasis on women's leadership and their greater involvement, which should be central to Disaster Risk Management.**

**(b) and (c): The details of key initiatives taken by Government to provide leadership role to women in Disaster Risk Reduction are given below:**

- i. In the revised National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP), 2019, issues relating to Women empowerment and their leadership role in disaster risk management has been given prominence.**
- ii. Participation of women in disaster response has been encouraged through imparting training to women as Aapda Mitra Volunteers. Out of 97,152 Apada Mitra Volunteers trained so far, 20% are trained women volunteers.**
- iii. For the maintenance and management of Cyclone Shelter Management & Maintenance Committees (CSMMC) in the country, 50% women participation is ensured.**
- iv. Key roles to women are given in various Task Force groups related to disaster preparedness and rescue operations, training and mock drills etc.**
- v. Mahila Contingent from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have also been trained in Disaster Management and deployed in National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), for disaster relief and rescue operation.**
- vi. Mahila rescuers in NDRF team deployed in Turkiye to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the aftermath of earthquake played an important role.**