GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 240

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

CLIMATE RELATED DISASTERS

240 DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether climate-related disasters have been included in the disaster mitigation strategy of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are specific measures in place to identify and address climate-related disasters within the disaster management framework;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is ongoing monitoring and adaptation of the disaster mitigation strategy to effectively address climate-related risks; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Extreme weather conditions due to climate change often affects disasters such as floods, heat waves, wild fires and tropical cyclones etc. Disaster mitigation strategy encompasses a wide range of climate-related disasters, including floods, flash floods, urban floods, Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF), droughts, cyclones, and river/coastal erosion.

(c) to (f): Both the Central and the State Governments are implementing measures to mitigate the impact of climate-related disasters. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued several disaster specific guidelines for managing extreme weather-related disasters such as cyclones, floods, drought, tsunami, landslides, heat waves etc. which are available on the website of NDMA (www.ndma.gov.in). National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) has been formulated to assist all stakeholders including State Governments in disaster risk management. The Government of India has also implemented the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) with a view to undertake suitable structural and non-structural measures to mitigate the effects of cyclones in the Coastal States.

Further, on the recommendations of 15th Finance Commission, the Government has approved an allocation of Rs. 13693 Crore for National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and Rs. 32031 Crore for State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for the period 2021-2026. The Government has also issued guidelines on 'Constitution and Administration of the SDMF/NDMF' for the purpose of providing funds for undertaking Mitigation projects and monitoring thereof. These guidelines are available on the website of this Ministry (www.ndmindia.mha.gov.in).