

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *17**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 6, 1946
(SAKA)**

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

***17 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has established any network of educational institutions for disaster risk reduction under the Prime Minister's 10-point agenda, if so, the details of the said network;**
- (b) the number of educational institutions that have joined this network;
and**
- (c) the significance of this network, along with its benefits in disaster reduction?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *17 DATED 27TH NOVEMBER, 2024

(a): The Hon'ble Prime Minister during the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in New Delhi in November 2016, had enunciated a 10-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). In compliance with the point no. 6 (Develop a network of universities to work on disaster issues) of this 10-point agenda, the Government has established an India Universities and Institution Network Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR) under the aegis of National Institute of Disaster Management. It is a network of universities and institutions undertaking education and research in the fields related to disaster risk reduction. IUINDRR envisions building nations and communities safe and resilient to disasters through education, knowledge creation, research, technology and dissemination. The network also shares knowledge resources related to disaster risk management among themselves and beyond to the larger group of stakeholders working on DRR.

(b): As of now 318 universities & institutions have joined the IUINDRR.

(c): The major significance and benefits of the network in DRR are:

1. Mainstreaming DRR into Higher Education:

i. IUINDRR has developed a model curriculum for integration of DRR into Higher education for both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) levels.

ii. To mainstream DRR in higher education institutions, IUINDRR made a proposal to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to integrate Disaster Management subject into UGC-NET examination. The UGC has accepted the proposal and included Disaster Management Subject into NET examination from December, 2024 onwards.

2. Bridging gap by connecting academia, research and practitioners:

The following has been established under IUINDRR:

- i. Doctoral Fellowship program for disasters studies; and**
- ii. Research project for action research in collaboration with educational institutions.**

3. Strengthening capacity of the States:

IUINDRR builds the capacity of academicians through regional training programmes to provide support to the States and district authorities in the field of DRR.
