

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1510**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH MARCH, 2025/ PHALGUNA 21, 1946 (SAKA)

SUPPORT FOR CYCLONE RESILIENCE IN ODISHA

1510 SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to support Odisha in strengthening its cyclone resilience, especially after frequent natural disasters;**
- (b) the funding provided to the State for disaster preparedness and post-cyclone rehabilitation;**
- (c) the role of national disaster management agencies in Odisha's cyclone preparedness programs; and**
- (d) whether Odisha will receive any additional assistance for coastal infrastructure and disaster management in the coming years?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments concerned. The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal, in accordance with Government of India approved items and norms. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and provides requisite logistics and financial support. Additional financial

assistance is provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure, in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

There are well established institutional mechanisms at the National, State & District levels in the country for taking appropriate preparedness and prompt response measures for effective management of natural disasters.

The initiatives taken by Central Government for disaster preparedness and post cyclone resilience in the State of Odisha are as follows:

(i) National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) was implemented in eight (08) coastal States including the State of Odisha with World Bank assistance. Under NCRMP, Odisha was provided Rs. 917.99 Crore by the Central Government for installation and commissioning of Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) and construction of Cyclone Risk Mitigation Infrastructure (CRMIs) which includes 316 Multi-purpose Cyclone Shelters (MPCS), 388.50 Kms Roads and 58.22 Kms of Saline Embankments.

(ii) Based on the recommendations of fifteenth Finance Commission (XV-FC), the Central Government has allocated an amount of Rs. 9455.20 crore under SDRF and an amount of Rs. 2363.80 crore under the State

Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) to the State Government of Odisha for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. Further, amount of Rs. 5532 crore and Rs. 1383 crore have been released respectively under SDRF and SDMF. The State Government can undertake response, preparedness, recovery & reconstruction and mitigation activities for various disasters, including flood and erosion.

(iii) Further, to mitigate the risk of erosion, XV-FC had also recommended an allocation of Rs. 1,500 crore from NDMF for the award period 2021-22 to 2025-26 and Rs. 1000 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for resettlement of displaced people affected by erosion.

(iv) In view of recommendations of XV-FC, the Central Government has issued guidelines titled “Guidelines for approval and release of Funds for Coastal and River Erosion under National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF)” dated 20.06.2024 and a policy titled “Policy on Resettlement of people Affected by Erosion under NDRF” dated 20.06.2024. The State Governments, including the State of Odisha can avail funds on cost sharing basis.

(v) The NDMF guidelines dated 28.02.2022, SDMF guidelines dated 14.01.2022, guidelines for coastal and river erosion dated 20.06.2024 as well as the policy on resettlement of people affected by erosion dated 20.06.2024, are available on the MHA website www.ndmindia.mha.gov.in.

(vi) The Central Government had implemented Up-scaling of Aapda Mitra scheme during the period 2021-22 to 2024-25 to train 1,00,000 volunteers in disaster response covering 350 Districts (including training of 4400 volunteers from 16 Districts of Odisha) which are prone to landslide, cyclone, earthquake, and floods. Under the Scheme, each volunteer is provided an Emergency Responder Kit worth Rs 10,000/- and each selected District with an Emergency Essential Resource Reserve worth Rs 20 lakhs. Under the scheme Rs.16.18 crores were provided to the State of Odisha.

(vii) Central Government has also launched "Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme" (YAMS) in the year 2024-25 to train 2,37,326 volunteers from National Cadet Core (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) (including 13793 volunteers from 16 Districts of Odisha) in disaster response covering 315 Districts in the country which are prone to landslide, cyclone, earthquake, and floods.
