

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3103**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH AUGUST, 2025/ SRAVANA 29, 1947 (SAKA)

DISASTER MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

3103 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Himachal Pradesh lacks a State level disaster management facility which adversely affects rescue operations during natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the prevailing battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are sufficient to meet unexpected calamity in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(d) whether the amount spent on equipment used in disaster relief and upgradation of the existing/purchased equipment is increasing every year; and

(e) the details of any progress made in terms of coordinated action and steps taken by Government to provide multiplier effect towards relief and rehabilitation in case of natural disasters?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The primary responsibility of disaster management rests with the State Government concerned. The Central Government, wherever required, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support in cases of natural disasters of severe

nature. At present, there are 16 Battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), which are located as per vulnerability profile of the country to provide immediate response during disasters. Out of 16 Battalions, one Battalion of NDRF is permanently stationed at Mandi (Himachal Pradesh), and one Regional Response Centre (RRC) each is stationed at Nurpur (Kangra) and Nalagarh.

As per National Policy on Disaster Management and the Disaster Management Act, raising and equipping of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) rests with the State/ UT Governments concerned. Himachal Pradesh has notified one Battalion of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) in the State.

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) also conduct annual capacity building workshop for SDRF, in which use of modern search and rescue equipment is discussed and its need is highlighted. To facilitate the State/UT Governments, the Central Government has also shared the list of disaster response equipment, with the request to equip its SDRF in line with the NDRF. State Governments have also been advised to use 'Preparedness & Capacity Building' window of their State Disaster Response Fund for equipping their SDRF.