RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 394

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2025/ SRAVANA 1, 1947 (SAKA)

ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT CENTRAL NDRF STATION IN KONKAN REGION

394 # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish a permanent central National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) station in the Konkan region as the region is highly vulnerable to cyclones and frequent landslides;

(b) if so, the details of any approved projects in this regard, including its scope and budget; and

(c) the details of the proposed location, timeline of construction and the plan to make this permanent NDRF station operational for the safety of residents of the Konkan region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): 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 Pune, Maharashtra and one Regional Response Centre (RRC) each is stationed at Mumbai and Bangalore. NDRF teams are deployed to the Konkan region during any disaster or impending disaster situation. During the current south-west monsoon, 19 teams of NDRF have also been pre-deployed. Under the Disaster Management Act 2005, States may establish State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), for the purpose of specialist response to a threatening disaster situation or disaster. The Central Government regularly follows up with the State Governments to raise their own SDRF and equip it with adequate disaster response capabilities.

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