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DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2228
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2025

CONTRIBUTION OF AAPDA MITRA SCHEME

2228#. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

- (a) the manner in which Aapda Mitra scheme is contributing to Government's efforts to build a community-based disaster response networks;
- (b) the number of trained Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) Aapda Mitras deployed for relief and rescue operations in the affected districts and States; and
- (c) the manner in which this initiative strengthens the local resilience and preparedness in coordination with State and district authorities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) Aapda Mitra programme in collaboration with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), significantly contributes to building a community-based disaster response network by developing a trained pool of local volunteers capable of taking immediate action during emergencies. These volunteers serve as first responders within their own communities, helping to manage situations before specialised agencies arrive. The programme also promotes a culture of preparedness, strengthens coordination with local authorities, and enhances both self-reliance and overall community resilience in disaster-prone region.
- (b) More than 2,000 MY Bharat volunteers have been trained under the Aapda Mitra Scheme, who are ready for deployment in coordination with the State and District Disaster Management Authorities.
- (c) The initiative strengthens resilience by:
 - i. Coordinating closely with SDMAs and DDMAs for training and deployment.

- ii. Conducting skill-based practical training on search & rescue, first aid, early warning
- iii. dissemination, and evacuation etc.as per the training curriculum developed by NDMA.
- iv. Ensuring integration of volunteers in district disaster response plans.
- v. Enhancing community-level preparedness through awareness drives and mock drills.
- vi. Enabling authorities to have a readily available, trained support force during emergencies.
