

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2794**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH AUGUST, 2026/ SHRAVANA 21, 1948 (SAKA)

NDMA PREPAREDNESS FOR TAMIL NADU'S COASTAL DISTRICTS

2794 SHRI PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA's) guidelines on cyclone and flood preparedness have been implemented in Tamil Nadu's coastal districts, if so, the district-wise status thereof;**
- (b) the capacity-building, mock drills and preparedness exercises conducted jointly by the NDMA and Government of Tamil Nadu during the last two years, with district-wise details thereof; and**
- (c) whether any gap in disaster preparedness have been identified during such exercises or assessments, if so, the corrective measures taken?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has the responsibility for laying down the policies, plan and guidelines for disaster management for ensuring timely and effective response to disaster. Since inception, NDMA has issued 41 Guidelines on various cross-cutting issues including guidelines on cyclones and floods which are available at NDMA's website [<https://ndma.gov.in/ndma-guidelines>]. It is upon the State Governments to implement the guidelines in their states as the primary responsibility for

disaster management rests with the State Government concerned. The Central Government does not maintain district-wise data on implementation of Guidelines for any State including Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c): The NDMA undertakes following measures for disaster preparedness and capacity building of States including Tamil Nadu :

- i. Conducts Mock Exercise (ME) on critical infrastructure including dams with the involvement of various stakeholders such as State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Central Water Commission (CWC), India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff (HQ-IDS) etc. These Mock Exercises consist of an Orientation & Coordination Conference, Table Top Exercise and Physical Mock Exercises. The details of physical mock exercise and Table Top Exercises (TTEEx) conducted during 2023 - 2025 in Tamil Nadu is given in Annexure.**
- ii. Shares feedback with concerned State / UT after successful conduct of each Mock Exercise, highlighting best practices and gaps identified to improve their preparedness and build their capacities in order to achieve the goal of making India a disaster resilient country.**
- iii. Conducts meetings to Review Pre-Monsoon situation for South-West Monsoon with the participation of Early Warning Agencies, Response Agencies and Resident Commissioners of flood prone States/UTs.**

Deliberations are made regarding South-West Monsoon Preparedness, better coordination amongst various agencies, pre-positioning of NDRF and sharing of best practices and lessons learnt etc.

- iv. Facilitates dissemination of real-time alerts based on warning received from weather monitoring and forecasting agencies (IMD, CWC, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), National Centre for Seismology (NCS)) .**
- v. Coordinates with NDRF, Armed Forces, line ministries and States to mobilize teams, equipment and other resources for quick rescue and relief operations**
- vi. Issues operational advisories based on forecasts to guide States on precautionary measures, deployment, and activation of response systems.**

The details of physical mock exercise as well as online IRS Training and Table Top Exercises (TTEx) conducted in Tamil Nadu during the last three years i.e. 2023, 2024, & 2025 are as given below:-

S.No.	Date	Name of Disaster	State/Districts
1.	02 Sep 2023	Cyclone	Tamil Nadu
2.	18-19 Sep 2024	Joint Disaster Management cum Table Top Exercise.	Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Mock Exercise on Nuclear Power Plants (NPP) & Critical Infrastructure (Airport) Year 2024 & 2025

S. No.	Date	Subject	Plants
1.	09 Oct 2024	Off Site Emergency Exercise on Nuclear & Radiological Emergency	MAPS Kalpakam (Tamil Nadu)
2.	11-12 Nov 2025	ME on Critical Infrastructure	NTPC, Tamil Nadu (Energy Company Limited, Vallur)
