

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2148**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016/AGRAHAYANA 8, 1938  
(SAKA)**

**RAISING OF DOGS BY NDRF**

**2148. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether a squad of 160 dogs is being raised by the NDRF to aid its personnel in rescuing people trapped under debris in the aftermath of natural calamities like earthquake and cyclones;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof; and**

**(c) the further steps the Government is taking to induct more dogs into the squad to hone their capabilities?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

**(a) to (c): NDRF has a squad of 169 dogs, at present, for search of victims in collapsed structures due to earthquakes or other disasters to rescue people trapped under debris. The dogs are purchased in a phased manner as per authorization so that they can be trained in phased manner and do not retire together.**

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