

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2458**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2018/ PAUSHA 12, 1939 (SAKA)**

**FUNCTIONAL NDRF BATTALIONS**

**†2458. SHRI HARI MANJHI:**

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

**(a) the number of battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) functioning at present;**

**(b) whether the NDRF proposes to include two more battalions to add to its manpower;**

**(c) whether the amount incurred for upgradation of equipments procured for and used in disaster response has increased year by year and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether any review regarding preparedness of NDRF keeping in view the occurrence of unforeseen disaster in the country has been carried out; and**

**(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): At present, there are twelve battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) functioning in the Country.**

**(b): Any increase in the number of Battalions is determined keeping in mind various factors such as requirement, availability of funds and manpower, training capacity, battalion infrastructure, etc.**

**(c): Upgradation of equipment in NDRF is a continuous process. NDRF have procured equipments worth Rs. 14.47 crore in 2014-15, Rs. 31.86 crore in 2015-16, Rs. 26.80 crore in 2016-17 & Rs. 17.90 crore in 2017-18 (till 27.12.2017)**

**(d) & (e): Operational preparedness and training of all the NDRF Battalions are regularly monitored, and include:**

**(i) Capacity Building programmes of various stakeholders including school safety programmes;**

**(ii) Mock Drills with various stakeholders such as Indian Railways, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Multi Accidental Hazardous Industries (MAH) and schools;**

**(iii) Response time measurement of actual deployment during disaster; and**

**(iv) Training to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other state personnel.**

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