

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1812**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 15, 1939 (SAKA)

ROLE OF NDRF IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

**1812. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
 SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
 SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:
 SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
 KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
 SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
 SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
 SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government celebrated the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) 13th Raising Day recently;

(b) if so, the extent to which the objectives of observing the said day has been achieved;

(c) the number of disaster operations in which NDRF participated and the number of programmes organized along with the number of people sensitized by the NDRF during the year, 2017;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the strength of NDRF in view of huge work load; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to provide high level training and hi-tech equipment to NDRF team for providing relief in disasters?

ANSWER

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

**(a): Yes, Madam. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrated its
13th Raising Day on 19th January, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.**

(b): Raising Day was celebrated as per practice in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to showcase the special achievements and instill a sense of pride and motivation in the force.

(c): Total 451 operations were conducted during the year 2017 in which 4130 persons were rescued; 97214 persons were evacuated; and 570 dead bodies were retrieved. NDRF had also conducted 248 familiarization exercises (FAMEx); 508 Mock Exercise in which 195130 persons were benefited, 1166 Community Awareness Programmes (CAPs) were conducted in which 475199 persons were benefited; and 876 School Safety Programmes (SSPs) were conducted in which 380577 persons were benefited.

(d) and (e): 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.

NDRF Academy imparts high level training to NDRF personnel as well as SDRF and other Stakeholders. Up-gradation of NDRF Teams with high-tech equipments for providing relief in disasters is a continuous process.