

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH FEBRUARY, 2018/ MEGHA 17, 1939 (SAKA)

FUNCTIONAL NDRF BATTALIONS

591. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of battalions of National Disaster Response Force functioning at present, location-wise;**
- (b) whether the National Disaster Response Force proposes to induct two more battalions in its manpower;**
- (c) whether the amount spent on procurement and up gradation of the equipments used for disaster response has increased year after year;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether any review has been conducted regarding full preparedness of the National Disaster Response Force in view of the unforeseen disasters occurring in the country; and**
- (f) if so, the details 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. Details are at Annexure-A.**
- (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) & (d): Upgradation of equipments 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 and Rs.18.36 crore in 2017-18 (till 01.02.2018).**

(e) & (f): Operational preparedness and training of all the NDRF Battalions are regularly monitored, and it includes:

- (i) Capacity Building programmes of various stakeholders including school safety programmes.**
- (ii) Mock Drills with various stakeholders such as Indian Railways, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Multi Accidental Hazardous Industries (MAH) and schools.**
- (iii) Response time measurement of actual deployment during disasters; and**
- (iv) Training to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other state personnel.**

12 Battalion HQ Locations

Name of NDRF Bn	Locations
01 Bn	Guwahati (Assam)
02 BN	Haringhata (West Bengal)
03 BN	Mundali (Odisha)
04 BN	Arakkonam (Tamil Nadu)
05 BN	Pune (Maharashtra)
06 BN	Vadodara (Gujarat)
07 BN	Bathinda (Punjab)
08 BN	Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh)
09 BN	Bihta (Bihar)
10 BN	Vijayawada (A.P)
11 BN	Varanasi(U.P)
12 BN	Doimukh (Arunanchal Pradesh)