

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 951**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018 / SHRAVANA 2, 1940 (SAKA)

STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT OF NDRF

951. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the absence of a permanent unit of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is causing delays in rescue operations in the State of Kerala which is prone to natural disasters like flood and landslide;

(b) whether the Government would consider a permanent unit of NDRF in Kozhikode, Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): There is no delay on the part of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in providing assistance for rescue operation in the state of Kerala. 02 teams of NDRF are deployed at Thrissur, Kerala since 15.06.2016 to carry out rescue and relief in case of any disaster in the State of Kerala. Sufficient numbers of teams are placed in South India keeping in view of the vulnerability profile of the region. Additional teams of NDRF are always mobilized immediately as per the requirement of the State Government.

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In the past, one team of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was deployed at Kozhikode (Calicut) from 09.07.2010 to 20.11.2011 and later on the request of Government of Kerala this team was diverted to Sabarimala (Kerala).

The Government of India had approved Kozhikode (Calicut) as permanent location of NDRF Regional Response Centre (RRC). The Government of Kerala could not allot land for the permanent establishment of RRC Kozhikode. However the State Government has provided 05 acres of land in Ernakulum in place of Kozhikode (Calicut). The development of infrastructure for office and accommodation is in progress at Ernakulum.
