

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 122**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018/AGRAHAYANA 20, 1940 (SAKA)**

**FLOOD PRONE AREAS**

**122. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) the details of various proactive measures taken by the Government in the flood-prone areas in 14 States;**
- (b) whether the search and rescue teams of the National Disaster Response Force have been stationed in the most vulnerable areas of various States;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the National Disaster Response Force rescue teams are experiencing shortage of equipment and transportation facilities; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to correct the same?**

**ANSWER**

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

**The subject of flood management falls under the jurisdiction of the State Governments and all the schemes related to flood management are formulated and executed by the concerned States as per their own priority and resources.**

**The Union Government supplements the efforts of the State by providing technical guidance and promotional financial assistance in critical areas. The following proactive measures have been taken by the Government:**

- i. The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation had launched Flood Management Programme (FMP) with an outlay of Rs.8,000 crore in XI Plan which was continued with outlay of Rs.10,000 crore during XII Plan.**

- ii. **Central Water Commission (CWC) has been issuing flood forecasts at locations identified by State Governments in various river systems of the country. Presently CWC is maintaining 249 flood forecasting stations.**
  - iii. **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) released Guidelines on 'Management of Floods' and 'Management of Urban Flooding' in January, 2008 and September, 2010 respectively to, inter-alia, assist State Governments in preparation of their flood/urban flood management plan.**
  - iv. **NDMA has approved a centrally sponsored scheme for Training of Community Volunteers in Disaster Response in selected 30 most flood prone districts of India (Aapda Mitra) in May 2016.**
  - v. **NDMA & NDRF regularly conduct mock drills in flood prone States/Districts.**
  - vi. **Pre-positioning of NDRF during monsoon season in flood prone areas.**
- (b) & (c) NDRF has 12 Battalions which are deployed in various places of the country as per vulnerability profile. Besides, 26 Regional Response Centres (RRC) are also established for quick and timely response during disasters. NDRF prepositioned their teams during the monsoon season in flood prone areas as per the requirement/ requisition of the State Governments for quick response.**
- (d) & (e) No, Madam. The availability of equipment and transportation facility provided to NDRF is adequate.**