

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2593**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09th JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 18, 1941 (SAKA)

RESPONSE TIMING OF NDRF

2593. SHRI LALUBHAI BABUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is unable to provide timely assistance during a calamity;**
- (b) whether the Government is undertaking adequate capacity building of NDRF to provide assistance to the States in the event of calamity;**
- (c) the number of campaigns carried out by NDRF in the event of a calamity in the country during the year 2018;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to undertake capacity building of NDRF in hilly areas keeping in view the fact that these are earthquake prone areas; and**
- (e) if so, the steps taken to provide high level training and high-tech equipments to NDRF team so as to enable it to provide assistance during calamities?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): No, Sir. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) responds within the minimum time frame to reach the place of disaster and provide all possible assistance to local administration in evacuation, search, rescue and relief operations.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): In 2018, NDRF has conducted 524 operations successfully in which NDRF rescued 1281 persons, evacuated 44346 persons and retrieved 450 dead bodies. In addition, NDRF rescued 290 livestock.

(d) and (e): NDRF Personnel are trained in mountain search & rescue, rock climbing, heli slithering, and avalanche rescue operations. Apart from that NDRF personnel are also sent abroad for attending training/ workshop/ meeting, etc. to acquaint with the techniques adopted by the other countries in the field of disaster management. Further, the Central Government is providing all support and assistance to the NDRF for upgrading the force capability by providing requisite approval for purchase of advanced equipment as and when requested.
