

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2647**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 18, 1941 (SAKA)**

**FUNCTIONAL STRENGTH OF NDRF**

**†2647. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

- (a) the number and details of battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) working at present;**
- (b) whether the NDRF proposes to include two more battalions in its force;**
- (c) whether there is an increasing trend in the annual expenditure on upgradation of equipments used in and bought for disaster management;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated to the NDRF during the last three years and the current year;**
- (e) whether the thorough preparedness of the NDRF has been reviewed in view of unpredictable disaster in the country;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof;**
- (g) whether there is a huge difference between the sanctioned strength and the actual strength of the NDRF and if so the details thereof; and**
- (h) Whether the Government proposes to fulfil the vacancies by the end of this year and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): At present 12 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Battalions (Bns.) are functional. Their details are at Annexure.**

**(b): Central Government has sanctioned four additional NDRF Bns to be located at Delhi (NCR), Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh.**

**(c) and (d): Up-gradation of equipments in NDRF and resultant increase in budget allocation is a continuous process. Details of financial expenditure on procurement of equipments by NDRF during the last three years and current year is given below:**

<b>(Rs. in Crores)</b>		
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Allocated fund</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>31.97</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>33.70</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>39.97</b>
<b>2019-20 (Interim Budget)</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>7.47 (till 30.06.2019)</b>

**(e) and (f): Operational preparedness and training of all the NDRF Battalions are regularly monitored and reviewed, in view of unforeseen disasters occurring in the country as detailed below:**

- (i) Capacity Building programmes of NDRF as well as of various stakeholders including school safety programmes are undertaken to enhance preparedness of the community.**
- (ii) Mock Drills of the Force are conducted regularly including mock drills for various stakeholders such as Indian Railways, State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Multi Accidental Hazardous Industries (MAH) and schools;**

- (iii) Improvement in response time of actual deployment during disaster; and**
  - (iv) Training and capacity building of State Disaster Response Forces (SDRF) and other state personnel responsible for ensuring response and relief measures;**
  - (v) International workshop/ field exercise are also undertaken by NDRF to acquaint the Force with the latest international standards;**
  - (vi) Functioning of NDRF Academy to train NDRF personnel/SDRF personnel in various disaster management courses.**
- (g) and (h): As against, the total authorized strength of NDRF of 13923, 11,173 NDRF personnel are in place. NDRF is a 100% deputationist force and personnel are deployed from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for a period of seven years. Filling up of vacancies on deputation is a regular process.**

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**12 Battalion HQ Locations**

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

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