

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1520**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2023/ AGRAHAYANA 21, 1945
(SAKA)**

DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

1520. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any aspect of our disaster management policy protects the most vulnerable classes of society;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cross-boundary issue of disaster management been addressed at any regional body meet during the last five years to tackle the problem through enhanced regional cooperation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the results of the discussion and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): One of the objectives of the National Policy on Disaster Management is to ensure efficient response and relief with a caring approach towards the needs of the vulnerable sections of the society. The National Policy on Disaster Management has addressed the issues of vulnerable groups at many places including Preamble, Approach and Objectives, Response & Reconstruction and Recovery. Further, the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) 2019 has also addressed the

issues pertaining to groups with higher vulnerabilities like gender based, children, weaker and marginalized communities and for disabled persons. A National Guidelines on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) has also been issued addressing issues of disabled persons particularly.

(c) & (d): Over the last five years, Government of India has advanced regional cooperation on disaster risk management through active engagement under multiple regional organizations, such as Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). Through these organizations, Government has conducted joint exercises as well as facilitated sharing of good practices in disaster management.
