

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1972**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 13, 1941 (SAKA)**

**FUNCTIONAL BATTALIONS OF NDRF**

**†1972. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

- (a) the details of the total number of functional Battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) at present;**
- (b) whether the NDRF proposes to include two more battalions in its workforce;**
- (c) whether the amount spent on equipment used in disaster relief and upgradation of the existing/purchased equipment is increasing every year;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether any review has been done regarding complete preparedness of the NDRF in view of unexpected disasters and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) At present, there are twelve functional battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in the country. Details are at Annexure -A.**
- (b) Central Government has sanctioned raising of four additional battalions in NDRF.**

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

**(Rs. in Crores)**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>31.97</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>33.70</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>39.97</b>

**(e) Operational preparedness and training of all the NDRF Battalions are regularly monitored, and it includes:**

- (i) Capacity Building programmes of various stakeholders including school safety programmes.**
- (ii) Mock Drills with various stakeholders such as Indian Railways, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and Multi Accidental Hazardous Industries (MAH).**
- (iii) Response time measurement of actual deployment during disasters; and**
- (iv) Training to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other state personnel.**

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**12 Battalion HQ Locations**

<b>Name of NDRF Battalions</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 (Gujrat)</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 (Arunachal Pradesh)</b>

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