

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4270**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 2022/CHAITRA 8, 1944 (SAKA)

NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

4270. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government will take necessary steps to post a team/permanent camp office of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu viz. Chennai/Nagai/Cuddalore which are very often affected due to heavy rains/floods/cyclones and natural calamities every year causing heavy loss to human lives/animals and properties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility of disaster management rests with the State Government concerned. The Central Government, wherever required, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic and financial support in cases of natural disasters of severe nature.

The Disaster Management Act (DM Act), 2005 lays down institutional and coordination mechanisms for effective and timely management of disaster or impending disaster situation. As mandated by the DM Act, the Government of India has established the National Disaster Management

Authority (NDMA) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) at the national level. Similarly, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) have been established at the State and District level respectively, including in the State of Tamil Nadu.

The NDMA is located in New Delhi and has the responsibility for laying down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management for ensuring timely and effective response to disaster. One Battalion of NDRF is permanently stationed at Arakkonam, Ranipet district in Tamil Nadu. In addition, one Regional Response Centre (RRC) having a team of NDRF is also located in Chennai. NDRF assists the State administration in providing immediate and timely response to disasters in the State, including the coastal areas.
