

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1578**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022/ SRAVANA 04, 1944 (SAKA)

CONJOINT TRAINING AND PRACTICE BETWEEN NDRF AND SDRFs

1578. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to conduct conjoint training and practice between the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams in individual States as suggested by the Union Government in December 2021 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to improve training and adaptability with latest equipment among SDRFs as mentioned by the Union Government in December 2021; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) :The Central Government with its continuous efforts have significantly improved its preparedness to deal with the natural calamities. With the coordinated efforts at various levels, the disaster response mechanism has improved substantially and the loss of human lives due to natural disasters has been substantially reduced in the country.

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducts joint disaster management training and practices for State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). NDRF organized 02 advance joint courses i.e. Training of Trainer in Medical First Responder & Collapsed Structure Search & Rescue Course from 4th May, 2022 to 8th June, 2022 and Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear Course from 13th September, 2021 to 9th October, 2021 and a total of 100 SDRF personnel were trained.

Apart from it, during the year 2019, NDRF also conducted 68 Mega Mock Drills/ Exercises with SDRFs for their capacity building. SDRFs also regularly participate in district level mock exercises on various scenarios organized by NDRF at regular intervals. SDRFs participated in 30 Mock drills/ Exercises conducted by NDRF during the last three years. These Mock drills / Exercises provide a platform for effective cooperation and coordination between NDRF and SDRFs.

In addition to the above, NDRF also organizes Annual Conference of SDRFs every year and this year this was conducted on 7th-8th April, 2022 in New Delhi. This Conference provides an opportunity to share best practices to improve the response capabilities through mutual cooperation/ coordination in case of any disaster.

(b) and (c):The following steps have been taken to improve training of SDRFs :

(i) The Government of India established a premium training institute i.e. NDRF Academy at Nagpur to impart training to NDRF personnel and other stakeholders including SDRFs.

(ii) NDRF battalions conduct basic First Responder courses for SDRFs for improving their preparedness and response capabilities during disaster situations.

(iii) Every year NDRF circulates Annual Training calendar of advance courses for SDRFs to all States/UTs, so that SDRFs can be trained to respond effectively during any disaster.

(iv) During training programs, SDRF personnel are also trained in handling latest equipment available with NDRF to enable them to handle latest available equipment& technology effectively.
