

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1501**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH JULY, 2025/ SRAVANA 7, 1947 (SAKA)

CIVIL DEFENCE MOCK DRILL 'OPERATION ABHYAAS'

1501. DR. MALLU RAVI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mock drill conducted across 244 districts across the country;**
- (b) the key lessons and action points identified from the said mock drill; and**
- (c) whether there are any plans for similar exercises in future?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): The Civil Defence Mock Exercise "Operation Abhyaas" was conducted on 07.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Civil Defence Rules 1968 to augment the civil defence preparedness of the civil administration. The exercise was conducted in 400 districts including the 244 categorized Civil Defence Districts and 156 non-categorized districts across the country. About Twenty-three Lakhs Warden/Volunteers & others stakeholders participated in exercise. During the exercise, air raid early warning circuits with Indian Air Force were taken and complete blackout measures were undertaken.

Following measures were undertaken during the exercise: -

- a) Operationalizing the communication links between Indian Air Force and Civil Defence Control rooms**
- b) Activation of Civil Defence Air Raid Early Warning Sirens.**
- c) Evacuation of civilians to safe zones, injured, etc.**
- d) Activation of 12 services of Civil Defence**
- e) Maintenance of bunkers /trenches /air raid shelters, etc.**

The exercise was carried out at Critical Civilian Infrastructure like Nuclear power Plants, Thermal Plants, Civil Airports, Military Cantonments, Railways Stations, Dams, Oil & Gas Refineries, Ordnance Factories, Chemical facilities, Vital Plants and Installations, critical Government Buildings, School/Colleges, Residents' Welfare Associations and Commercial places, etc.

Second Civil Defence Exercise "Operation Shield" was conducted on 31.05.2025 in the 140 districts of the States/UT, adjoining western international border. Conducting further exercise would be based on operational requirements.

Key lessons and action points identified from Operation Abhyaas included modernization of Air Raid Warning System, training and capacity building of Civil Defence volunteers, enrolment of volunteers from diverse background as well as community awareness drives.
