

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:343

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MODERNISATION OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the weather related disasters are on the rise during the past decade;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have assessed their impact on economy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to modernise/strengthen Disaster Management System; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): On account of urbanization and population growth, the impact of natural disasters is felt to a larger extent. Disasters do affect agriculture, damage houses and infrastructure and also hamper the process of economic growth. No quantitative assessment of the impact on economy has been carried out separately by the Government.

The Government of India is proposing to strengthen the system in order to have disaster preparedness, mitigation and emergency response system in the country.