

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the National Disaster Response Force to tackle situation arising from different types of disasters with state-of-the-art gadgets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): As per the provision given in Section 44 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Government of India has already constituted ten (10) battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) by upgradation/ conversion of standard battalions of Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs), as a specialist Force to deal with disaster or threatening disaster situation.

The NDRF battalions have been trained to deal with various types of natural and manmade disasters. Four battalions of NDRF are also trained to deal with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) disasters besides natural disasters. Each of the NDRF battalions are equipped with specialized equipments and trained for rendering effective response to disaster.

Based on the vulnerability profile of the country NDRF battalions have been located in the following States:

Sl. Name of Bn. State

1 1st BN NDRF Assam

2 2nd BN NDRF (CBRN) West Bengal

3 3rd BN NDRF Orissa

4 4th BN NDRF (CBRN) Tamil Nadu

5 5th BN NDRF (CBRN) Maharashtra

6 6th BN NDRF Gujarat

7 7th BN NDRF Punjab

8 8th BN NDRF (CBRN) Uttar Pradesh

9 9th BN NDRF Bihar

10 10th BN NDRF Andhra Pradesh