

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per a recent report of the United Nations, the country is losing several crores of rupees annually on account of unscientific disaster management practices being adopted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the disaster management practices in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): This Ministry has no information regarding any recent UN report suggesting that the country is losing several crores of rupees annually on account of unscientific disaster management practices being adopted.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Government of India, in order to strengthen the existing disaster management system has enacted and notified disaster Management Act, 2005 on December 26, 2005 to improve and provide for institutional mechanisms for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of the disaster management plans, ensuring measures by various wings of Government for prevention and mitigating effects of disasters as well as for undertaking a holistic, coordinated, and prompt response to any disaster situation.

As per the disaster Management Act 2005, the Central Government has constituted the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with the responsibility for laying down the policies, plans, and guidelines for disaster managements. NDMA has already released 25 guidelines on natural as well as manmade disasters and also for preparation of State disaster Management Plans, National Policy on disaster Management (NPDM) has been issued which covers all aspects of disaster management.

All these measures are expected to improve the existing disaster management practices, mitigation, control and reduce the adverse impact of natural & manmade disasters in the country.