

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN RELIEF WORKERS IN JAPAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian relief workers in Japan since Tohoku earthquake in Japan;
- (b) the details of projects being undertaken by them; and
- (c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) A 46-member National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) relief and rehabilitation team was sent to Japan for a 10-day mission from 28 March to 8 April 2011 in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami that hit north-eastern Japan on 11 March 2011. It was amongst the first relief teams to reach the coastal town of Onagawa in Miyagi Prefecture, one of the worst-affected areas. The team cleared debris, searched for missing people, recovered bodies and retrieved belongings of the inhabitants of the area.