

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:83

ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012

MOCK DRILL

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a mega mock drill was conducted recently by the National Disaster Management Authority and the Delhi Disaster Management Authority in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the response by the various authorities was not satisfactory; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 83 FOR 20th MARCH, 2012.

(a): Yes, Madam. A mega mock drill for earthquake preparedness was conducted on 15th February, 2012 in Delhi.

(b): The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), conducted a major earthquake preparedness exercise in Delhi several weeks preceding 15th February, 2012. This disaster management exercise comprised activities like workshops, awareness programmes, mock drills, public lectures and multi-media campaign. The exercise culminated in a state wide mega mock drill on 15th February, 2012 at 11.30 AM covering all the 9 districts of Delhi. The exercise was conducted under the supervision of respective Deputy Collectors with the participation of various stake holders in important government buildings, malls, cinema halls, high rise buildings, petrol pumps, CNG depots, hospitals, metro stations etc. falling under their jurisdiction.

(c) to (d): The objective was to calibrate and measure the response and timeliness of various emergency support functionaries, so that corrective measures and necessary improvement can be effected. Improvement in this regard is a continuous process.