

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SATELLITE LINK FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to set up a special satellite link for the National Disaster Management Authority to establish coordination for the relief works during disasters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the expenditure likely to be incurred on it?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): No, Madam.

However, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)/ Department of Space (DOS) have already established a satellite based Virtual Private Network (VPN) interconnecting the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) at Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the State Emergency Operations Centres (SEOCs). The total estimated budget for this project is Rs. 5.97 crore.