

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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AWARENESS AT VILLAGE LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to spread awareness at village level to mitigate the impact of natural calamities including earthquake; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): The Government of India has not formulated any specific scheme for spreading awareness at village level to mitigate the impacts of natural calamities including earthquake. The Government however is implementing certain schemes which includes the component of awareness to mitigate the impacts of natural calamities including earthquakes like:-

1. National School Safety Programme to promote culture of safety in schools by undertaking Information, Education and Communication activities, promoting non-structural mitigation measures and demonstrative structural retrofitting, at an estimated cost of Rs. 48.47 crore, is under implementation. The Scheme has got awareness component of Rs.8.05 crore.

2. National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Phase-I at a cost of Rs.1496.71 crore to minimize the vulnerability to cyclone and making people and infrastructure disaster resilient is under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. Its one of the component envisages a framework for dissemination of cyclone warnings and advisories from the authorities to the community and to receive feedback in the event of a cyclone disaster. This two way communication system is meant to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities by addressing the critical gaps of early warning dissemination in a timely, reliable and efficient manner and providing an opportunity to the community to communicate with the authorities in the event of cyclone emergencies.

3. Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services has got an awareness component of Rs.4.38 crore.

4. Revamping of Civil Defence set up in the country is with an awareness component of Rs.2.60 crore.

5. Government of India has allocated Capacity Building grant for Disaster Response to the states for the period 2010-15. One of the activities which can be undertaken by the states relates to awareness generation programme of all stakeholders including villagers.

6. NDMA is carrying out awareness generation campaigns on various disasters including earthquake across the country through print and electronic media to prepare the masses during eventualities.

The National Disaster Response Force has been conducting Familiarisation and Community Capacity Building and Public Awareness Programmes to spread awareness amongst local community, members of panchayati institutions/ local bodies, NCC, NSS, village volunteers and other government and non-government stakeholders. More than 18 lakh community volunteers and other stakeholders have been trained by NDRF in different parts of the country.