

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PREPAREDNESS FOR NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government in collaboration with the States including Maharashtra has finalised the preparation for dealing with natural calamities including earthquakes;
- (b) if so, the details of the said preparation along with the quantum and sources of funds established to meet the relief and rehabilitation works, State-wise;
- (c) whether any coordination has been established between various agencies including weather forecasting agencies for making advance warnings about natural disasters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Measures taken towards Disaster Management in the country including Maharashtra are integral part of such initiatives taken by the Government of India for preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response, recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation. Appropriate institutional mechanisms in the form of State Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authority have been setup in the country to develop appropriate preparedness and response mechanism in disaster situation. These setups have also been networked with the early warning system and also with the National Emergency Operation Centre for receiving and dissemination of alerts/ advisories/ information relating to the natural calamities. Ten battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) including one Pune, Maharashtra have been deployed throughout the country specifically for relief and response during disaster.

The States have also been encouraged to develop State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

Financial mechanism in the form of State Disaster Response Fund has been institutionalized for disaster relief and response. A statement showing State-wise allocation for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15 is given at Annexure-I. Further for raising the capacity of the states to meet the disaster situation, a capacity development grant has been allocated for the period of 2010-11 to 2014-15. State-wise allocation of capacity development grant is given at Annexure-II.

(c) to (d): With regard to coordination between various agencies including weather forecasting agencies, it is mentioned that the advance warning is provided by the forecasting agencies of Government of India on real time basis for the impending natural disasters to all the concerned stakeholders for taking appropriate precautionary measures. Forecasting about climate change is pre requisite for taking preparedness measure to respond to the disaster is the most important element of disaster management. For this purpose the Government of India has designated the following offices as the nodal agencies for advance warning of different natural hazards: -

Name of Disasters Nodal Agencies

Cyclone	India Meteorological Department
Tsunami	Indian National Centre for Oceanic Information Services
Floods	Central Water Commission
Landslides	Geological Survey of India
Avalanches	Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment
Heat & Cold Waves	Indian Meteorological Department