

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STATIONING OF NDRF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had recommended stationing of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams at the capitals of all the North Eastern States including Sikkim and at Port Blair and Srinagar to tackle earthquake disaster;
- (b) if so, the details of these recommendations;
- (c) Whether the NDRF teams have been stationed at these cities including Gangtok as recommended by the NDMA;
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reason there for;
- (e) whether there was a considerable delay for NDRF teams in reaching the earthquake affected areas of Sikkim during the recent earthquake; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in deployment of NDRF personnel in the said area?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. NDMA had recommended certain locations for permanent deployment of NDRF teams for providing immediate response to far flung areas during any natural and manmade disaster. The proposal has been examined in Ministry of Home Affairs in the light of Vulnerability profile of the country as well as air/road connectivity and permanent locations of NDRF teams have been approved for Aizawl (Mizoram), Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), Gangtok (Sikkim), Siliguri (West Bengal), Baleswar (Odisha), Portblair (Andaman & Nicobar), Bangalore (Karnataka), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Barmer (Rajasthan), Srinagar (J&K), Kangra (Himachal Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Varanasi (U.P.), Supaul (Bihar), Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear teams of NDRF at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. These teams will be stationed at the respective locations only after the State Governments/ Union Territory provide suitable land/accommodation to house them.

(e) to (f): There was no delay on the part of NDRF to respond to Sikkim earthquake. Five teams each of NDRF from Hindon airbase and Kolkata moved to Bagdogra on intervening night of 18/19 Sept, 2011 for onward movement to Gangtok. However due to landslide on the road between Bagdogra to Gangtok and also non availability of airlift facilities due to bad weather conditions, there was some delay in further movement of NDRF personnel in the affected areas of Sikkim