

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4780
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NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) presently in operation in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to raise more battalions of the NDRF;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to setup a National Disaster Communication Network (NDCN);
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with its proposed functions thereof;
- (f) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has prepared a National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project (NERMP); and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) As of now, ten battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are operational for providing response to the various natural and manmade disasters in the country.
- (b) & (c) Yes, madam. It has been proposed to raise two additional battalions of National Disaster Response Force.
- (d) & (e) A proposal to set up National Disaster Communication Network (NDCN) has been sent by National Disaster Management Authority. A committee has been constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to study the technical feasibility of the project. The approval of the project and its functions will depend upon the report of the committee and techno financial feasibility.
- (f) & (g) A scheme for National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project (NERMP) has been approved by the Government for Rs.24.87 Crore.

The major components of the project are Techno-legal Regime, Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building of practicing architects, engineers and masons and Public Awareness & Sensitization.