

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3074
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2015
DISASTER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
Rao Shri Konakalla Narayana;Reddy Shri Ponguleti Srinivasa

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have created Disaster Management Infrastructure for the purpose of responding promptly and effectively to any threatening disaster situation/disaster;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient feature thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it would be beneficial to Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3074 BY SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO AND SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2015 REGARDING DISASTER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Indian Railways have a network of rail mounted relief and rescue equipment i.e 206 Accident Relief Trains (ARTs), 161 Accident Relief Medical Vans (ARMVs) and 320 Stationary Accident Relief Medical Equipments (ARMEs) at identified locations which cover the entire rail network of Indian Railways. These relief trains have high capacity hydraulic jacks, cold cutting equipment for rescue of passengers, hydraulic cranes, satellite phones, Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) equipment, gas cutting equipment, hand tools etc.

Indian Railways have dedicated and trained officials including doctors, paramedics, engineers etc., for relief and rescue operations. Quick reaction teams of Railway Protection Force (RPF) have been constituted to attend to any disaster.

To cope with any disaster situation due to natural calamities such as floods, breaches, cyclones etc., monsoon patrolling is done in identified and vulnerable locations and stationary watchmen are deployed at vulnerable locations. Adequate monsoon reserve materials in form of boulders, sandbags etc., are kept at strategic locations for early restoration of affected site.

(c): Disaster Management infrastructure will help in mitigation, quick rescue & relief of passengers and early restoration in case of unfortunate Disaster.