

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATION ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to form linkage with Russia for enhancing the ongoing co-operation in dealing with emergency situations and natural disasters as well as encouraging greater institutional linkages between research and training institutes in the area of disaster management during the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) & (b): No Madam. However, an ongoing agreement already exists between these two countries for cooperation in dealing with emergency situations and natural disasters since 2010. The said agreement between the Government of India and Government of Russian Federation was signed during the 11th Indo-Russian Annual Summit held on 21st December, 2010 in New Delhi. The main areas and forms of co-operation are; exchange of information, early warning, assessment of risks, joint conferences, seminars, workshops, training of specialists, mutual assistance in providing technical facilities and equipment, mutual assistance in enhancing early warning systems and capacity building of both states in emergency preparedness, prevention and response, planning and carrying out of activities related to emergency preparedness prevention and response etc.

The regulation defining the structure, functions and work procedure of the Indo-Russian Joint Commission was signed on 10th April, 2013 at Moscow during the visit of the then Hon'ble Home Minister of India.

The Joint Commission is mandated to explore possible activities for further cooperation in the field of Emergency Management.