

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Capacity Building for Disaster Management

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the budget allocated for capacity building for disaster management during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is underutilisation of the funds allocated for building capital infrastructure for disaster management;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to improve the disaster preparedness;
- (d) whether the Ministry has launched a training programme, Apada Mitra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The primary responsibility of disaster management rests with the States, and the Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments/Union Territories. A legal framework for Disaster Management ..2/-

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was set up by enacting the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The Act provides for setting up of Institutional framework for disaster management including capacity building at national, state and district levels.

As per Section 36 of the Disaster Management Act, every Ministry of the Central Government is required to take necessary measures for disaster management including capacity building. The budget allocated by this Ministry during the last three years and the current year for capacity building in disaster management under different schemes/programmes are given at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The utilization of funds under various schemes of this Ministry for building capital infrastructure in disaster management during 2015-16 and 2016-17 is more than 85%. However, the schemes are closely monitored to ensure full utilization of fund.

The primary responsibility of disaster preparedness rests with the States and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government. This Ministry has taken following major measures to improve disaster preparedness in the country:

i. Publication of 22 guidelines on different disasters by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

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ii. Setting up of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for prompt response and pre-positioning of NDRF in disaster vulnerable areas

iii. Encouraging States to set-up their own State Disaster Response Forces

iv. Strengthening of State and District Disaster Management systems through various schemes of central government

v. Creation of disaster resilient infrastructure for effective disaster response and preparedness

vi. Conducting mock drills and workshops for effectively responding to disasters

vii. Carrying out capacity building of disaster professionals and communities by NDMA, NDRF and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

(d) & (e): The Government of India has launched "Apada Mitra" scheme for training 6000 Community Volunteers in disaster response in 30 most flood prone districts (200 volunteers per district) of 25 States in India in 2016 at a total outlay of Rs. 15.07 crore. The scheme aims to provide the community volunteers with the skills, that they would need to respond to their community's immediate need in the aftermath of a disaster and enable them to undertake basic relief and rescue tasks in emergency situations like floods,

flash-floods and urban flooding. Funds to the 14 Projects States have been released as first installment.

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