

(c) whether security aspects were examined by Security agencies and Defence forces, before taking a decision;

(d) what is the position in other countries like US whether it is covered under Google street view; and

(e) whether without compromising internal security, Google Maps would be given restricted access for putting street level imagery, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) Google has submitted a proposal on 'Street View' and has requested the Government's permission. Such proposals are examined, on merit, taking into account security concerns, place of residence of data etc.

(d) As per the available information, Google Street View is operational in the USA but not in all areas.

(e) Does not arise in view reply (a) to (c).

Deputing NDRF in Himachal Pradesh

1068. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to depute National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Himachal Pradesh for quick relief and rescue of people in case of natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations where NDRF is likely to be deployed;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to identify the places vulnerable to disaster in Himachal Pradesh in view of deployment of NDRF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

Based on vulnerability profile of different regions of the country, the specialist battalions/Teams of NDRF have been presently stationed at the various strategic locations throughout the country including Himachal Pradesh to respond to any kind of emergencies. A NDRF battalion is stationed at Bhatinda, Punjab with the area of responsibility for providing rescue and relief support of the affected persons in the Northern region including Himachal Pradesh. At present, one team each of NDRF has been stationed at Nurpur in Kangra and Shimla districts for rescue and relief of the affected people in Himachal Pradesh.