

Augmentation of strength of CISF

361. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently sanctioned 2000 posts to the existing strength of 1.8 lakh personnel for CISF to share the increased responsibilities;
- (b) if so, the detailed break-up of sanctioned posts;
- (c) whether CISF has any provision already in place to upgrade the efficiency to become one of the best internationally; and
- (d) if not, whether any such proposal is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI): (a) and (b) No post has been sanctioned beyond the existing ceiling strength of 1,80,000 posts authorized for CISF.

(c) and (d) Upgradation in efficiency in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) including CISF, is an ongoing continuous process. To modernize and improve efficiency of CAPFs, the Government has approved Modernization plans for equipping them with latest technology, modern weaponry and vehicles. Further, CISF is providing training to force personnel through in-service specialized courses in order to upgrade the efficiency of the Force.

Damage due to cyclone

362. SHRI RAJEEV SATAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a severe cyclone 'Amphan' and 'Nisarga' has struck several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, impact of cyclone on farmers/fishermen and the details of losses suffered and the names of States that have been severely affected along with the report of damage to property, crops, fishing equipment and the number of people killed, injured and missing, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has taken/ proposes to take any concrete steps to provide a permanent solution with the latest technological support and financial support to farmers to combat the wrath of cyclones which affects the States every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Cyclone 'Amphan' affected two States namely Odisha and West Bengal, and Cyclone 'Nisarga' affected two States namely Maharashtra and Gujarat and one UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. As per the assessment of Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) / memoranda received from the affected State Governments, details of reported losses/ damages are given as under:—

State	Human lives lost	Houses/huts damaged (in lakh)	Cattle lost	Cropped area affected (in lakh ha.)	Fishermen's Boats & nets damaged
Odisha-Cyclone 'Amphan'	0	0.49	38	0.11	28 boats
West Bengal - Cyclone 'Amphan'	99	5.52	23927	5.71	8007 boats & 37711 nets
Maharashtra-'cyclone Nisarga'	15	2.48	540	0.33	1362 boats & 596 nets

No damage was reported from other States and UT in this regard.

(c) The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), headed by Cabinet Secretary, monitors and coordinates the situation with the affected States and Central Ministries/ Agencies concerned during major disasters. Indian Metrological Department (IMD) issued regular and precise forecasts & warning bulletins to all the affected States.

There are well established institutional mechanisms at the National, State & District levels in the country to develop appropriate preparedness and prompt response mechanisms for effective management of natural disasters. Central Government has established a robust early warning system and has significantly enhanced the accuracy of weather forecasts. Mock exercises and community awareness programmes are being regularly conducted to educate farmers/ people at the time of natural calamities.

The measures taken by the Central and State Governments have significantly improved the disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention and response mechanisms resulting in significant reduction in casualties during natural calamities, including cyclones, in the country. Further, strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing and evolving process of the governance.