

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 710**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 4, 1945 (SAKA)

DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE

710. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any all time mechanism is under consideration for management of disaster of all the three seasons i.e. floods, landslides and cloudburst during monsoon and severe snowfall during winter and forest fires which is common in summer season, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the deployment of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Himachal Pradesh in view of the natural calamities taking place every now and then in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): There are institutional mechanisms at the National, State & district level in the country to develop appropriate preparedness and prompt response systems for effective management of natural disasters. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 articulates the need for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into development planning. The National Policy and National Plan on Disaster Management seeks to build a safe and disaster resilient India. Though the primary responsibility for disaster

management rests with the State Governments, Central Government extends all possible logistics and financial supports to the States to supplement their efforts to meet the situation effectively.

The measures taken by the Central and State Government have significantly improved disaster management practices, preparedness, prevention and response mechanism resulting in significant reduction in casualties during natural calamities in the country.

(b): Based on the vulnerability of the State of Himachal Pradesh, one Battalion of NDRF has been deployed in the State and stationed at Nurpur in Kangra district. Further, different teams of this Battalion have been further deployed at four (04) different locations in the State, namely, at Rampur in Shimla district, at Nalagarh in Solan District, at Drang and Slapper in Mandi District.
