

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 351
ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

Review on preparedness of NDRF

351 Smt. Ambika Soni

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

- (a) how many battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are in operation, at present, the details thereof;
- (b) whether NDRF is proposing to add two more battalions to its manpower;
- (c) whether the funds spent on equipment used in disaster response and equipment purchased had gone up year after year for upgradation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any review has been made about the total preparedness of NDRF in the country, in view of unexpected disasters happening, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.
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(a) & (b): At present, there are twelve battalions in operation in National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). Any increase in the number of Battalions is determined keeping in mind various factors such as requirement, availability of funds and manpower, training capacity, battalion infrastructure, etc.

(c) & (d) Upgrading of NDRF is a need based, continuous process. NDRF have procured equipment worth Rs.22.36 crore in 2013-14, Rs.14.47 crore in 2014-15, Rs. 31.86 crore in 2015-16 and Rs.29.37 crore in 2016-17 (Till 30.3.2017).

(e) Operational preparedness and training of all the NDRF Battalions is regularly monitored, and

includes:

- (i) Capacity Building programmes of various stakeholders including school safety programmes.
- (ii) Mock Drills with various stakeholders such as Indian Railways, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Multi Accidental Hazardous Industries (MAH) and schools.
- (iii) Response time measurement of actual deployment during disasters.
- (iv) Training to State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other state personnel.
