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Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The Government of India, in collaboration with United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), hosted the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) 2016 in New Delhi from 3-5 November 2016. The Delegations from 41 countries including Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Georgia, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, North Korea, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Fiji, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, USA and Vietnam participated in the conference. Besides, few countries were represented through their respective Embassies stationed in New Delhi.

No discussion was held specially on Asia-Pacific disaster mitigation in the conference.

The Asia Regional Plan for implementation of the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction (2015-30), which was adopted during the conference, has provided a long term road map. It aims for implementation of priorities to achieve seven global targets of Sendai Framework.

The Conference concluded with the New Delhi Political Declaration, reaffirming the Government and stakeholders' commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction. The declaration aims to:

- i. Recognize the opportunity to build on past achievements by reaffirming commitment to disaster risk reduction and resilience.
- ii. Re-emphasize that the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction is complementary to the 2030 sustainable development agenda.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju in a written reply to question by Shri Ranjib Biswal in the Rajya Sabha today.

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