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NCMC reviews Relief & Rescue Operations in India & Nepal

Day 5 of the Earthquake Rescue & Relief Operations

The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary Shri Ajit Seth met here today and reviewed the Rescue and Relief Operations in earthquake affected areas of the country and Nepal.

Disaster Relief Operations were reviewed with the Secretaries of Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs, Defence, Health, Petroleum & Natural Gas and Agriculture, Member Secretary, NDMA and Director General of India Meteorological Department. The Chief Secretaries of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana also reported about the status of relief supplies being sent to Nepal through the land route.

As per latest reports, **78 deaths** have been reported so far in India – **58 in Bihar, 16 in UP, 03 in West Bengal and 01 in Rajasthan**. A total of **560 people** (275 in Bihar, 100 in Uttar Pradesh, 169 in West Bengal, Sikkim – 9 and 7 in Rajasthan) have been reported injured.

Relief Measures in India

The State Governments are taking measures at their own end for managing the disaster in their States. None of the States has requested for any other central help. However, five NDRF teams continue to be deployed. The affected States have been assured of full assistance from the Centre.

Deployment of NDRF

| No. of Team | Deployment |
|--------------|--|
| 01 team each | Bihar (Supaul, Motihari, Darbhanga, Gopalganj) UP (Gorakhpur) |

- NDRF rescued 180 persons in Darbhanga.

Relief Measures in Nepal

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NDRF Deployment in Nepal:

| No. of Team | Deployment |
|-------------|---|
| 13 teams | Bhakhatapur-03, Lalitpur-02, Kathmandu-02 & Sitapaila-03, Kathmandu - 03 |

- 3 Teams reached Kathmandu on 29 April 2015 at 0300 hrs.
- DG NDRF is camping at Kathmandu since 26 April 2015.
- NDRF Teams have rescued 11 persons live and retrieved 102 dead bodies so far.

Status of Assistance Extended to Nepal

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Rescue Operations – 1,052 Nepalese citizens have been rescued/evacuated by Indian teams to Military hospitals so far. 152 Tourists including 19 foreign mountaineers rescued.

Food & Supplies:

- 95 assorted tents and 3,030 blankets reached Kathmandu.
- 2,450 blankets and 180 tents in four trucks enroute from Kanpur.
- 10 trucks with mineral water, 10 trucks with dry food and one truck carrying medicines to Nepal from Uttar Pradesh.
- 37 MT of food reached Kathmandu.
- 22 MT of milk and milk products (including baby food), 112 MT of mineral water (through Railways) and 14 Mt of noodles (through M/o Food Processing Industries) is planned to be sent to Kathmandu today. Further, 70 MT of water has already landed in Kathmandu.
- One Langer team of 25 men with 24 MT of supplies from Haryana is being sent to Kathmandu today. Another Langer team of 18 men with 30 MT of supplies from Punjab will be sent tomorrow. Each of these teams is capable of providing cooked meals for 10,000 people every day for a period of one month.
- 7,700 tents and 6,000 blankets are being dispatched as the people affected by earthquake badly need temporary shelter.

Medical Assistance

- 15 MT of medical supplies have reached Kathmandu.
- 18 Oxygen concentrators have landed in Kathmandu.
- One water purification unit with a capacity of 3,000 liters per hour reached Kathmandu.
- Three mobile Army Hospitals have been deployed at Lagankhel and Senamangal. Medical aid provided to 584 Nepalese.
- Two medical teams at Barpak have provided aid to 260 Nepalese.

People Evacuated by Air - Total 9509

Foreigners given gratis Visa – 785 (Delhi – 507, Land Border – 278)

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Foreigners entered India with Visa/Transit Visa – 1,245

Communication Infrastructure:

- 21 VSAT terminals have been provided to NDRF teams to help establish internet connectivity.
- Seven Army INMARSAT communication systems are operational.
- Two AF Communication Vehicles are deployed in Kathmandu by M/o Defence.
- Each NDRF team is equipped with Satellite Phone.

National Disaster Management Authority - (NDMA)

MHA along with NDMA are at the forefront of coordinating all relief supplies. NDMA is the single point contact and has been instrumental in making sure that supplies are prioritized and dispatched to Nepal. Senior officials have been located

both at Palam and Kathmandu Airports to oversee the operations.

NDRF, IAF and the Inter-Ministerial Team of Indian Officers stationed in Kathmandu and Indian Embassy there are doing rescue operations in close tandem with Nepalese authorities.

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