

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3900**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH APRIL, 2022/ CHAITRA 16, 1944 (SAKA)

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

3900 # SHRI JUGALSINH LOKHANDWALA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government has taken any steps to increase international cooperation in the field of disaster management, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

India plays an active role in global initiatives on disaster management. India is a signatory to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and is committed to achieving the priorities and objectives through systematic and institutional efforts. With multi-dimensional initiatives and expertise, India is also taking a leading role in strengthening regional cooperation among South Asian countries for reducing losses due to disasters. India is one of the participating countries and works closely with the United Nations office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). India had signed bilateral/ multilateral Agreement/Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with several countries for cooperation in the field of disaster management like Swiss Confederation, Russian Federation, Germany, Japan, Tajikistan, Mongolia, Italy, Bangladesh, and also signed the SAARC Agreement on Rapid Response to Natural Disasters.

The Government of India has a partnership with various International and Regional Organization/Agencies in the field of Disaster Management such as the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR), Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC), International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG), Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), SAARC Disaster Management Centre - Interim Unit (SDMC-IU), Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC), Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and BRICS etc. India was unanimously elected as co-chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of GFDRR for the year 2020 and continue for the year 2021.

In addition, various Meetings/ Conferences/ Exercises were hosted by the Government of India for International and Regional cooperation in the field of disaster management since 2015:

- i. South Asian Annual Disaster Management Exercise (SAADMex) from 23-26 November 2015, in New Delhi.**
- ii. Meeting of BRICS Ministers for Disaster Management was held on 22 - 23 August, 2016 in Udaipur, Rajasthan.**

- iii. **Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) 2016 from 3-5 November 2016 in collaboration with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) in New Delhi.**
- iv. **First Annual Disaster Management Exercise for 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries (BIMSTEC DMEx-2017) on 10-13 October, 2017 in New Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR).**
- v. **First India-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction on 19-20 March, 2018, New Delhi.**
- vi. **3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction On 18th March 2019 in New Delhi.**
- vii. **Joint Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue exercise of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the Member States to improve collective preparedness from 4-7 November, 2019 in New Delhi.**
- viii. **10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of SCO, dealing with prevention and elimination of Emergency Situations on 08th November, 2019 in New Delhi.**
- ix. **2nd BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise (DMEx)- 2020 from 11-13 February, 2020 at Puri in Odisha.**

Further, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had launched the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) at the United Nations Climate Action Summit, in New York City on 23rd September, 2019. CDRI is a multi-stakeholder partnership of national governments, UN agencies and programs, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions that aims to promote the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks, thereby ensuring sustainable development. So far 30 countries, 5 International Organizations, and 2 private sector organizations have joined the Coalition.
