

APPENDIX – I

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NDMA), NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (NDRF) AND ZONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELATED CONTACT NUMBERS

1. DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT (2005)

- i. Government of India enacted a law on Disaster Management to provide for the requisite institutional mechanism for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of the DM Plans, ensuing measures by the various wings of the Government for prevention and mitigating the effects of disasters and for undertaking holistic, co-ordinated and prompt response to any disaster situation.
- ii. The DM Act was enacted in 2005.
- iii. The Act provides for a specific role for local bodies, including Panchayat Raj Institutions as well as urban local bodies like Municipalities in Disaster Management.
- iv. The Act shall facilitate effective steps for the mitigation of disasters, prepare for and co-ordinate effective response to disasters and other related matters.

2. NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority)

- i. The Government of India constituted NDMA with the Prime Minister as the Chairperson at national level, on May 30, 2005.
- ii. It has been entrusted with the responsibility
 - To lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for Disaster Management
 - Approve the National Disaster Management Plan and the plans prepared by the Ministries / Departments of Government of India
 - Lay down guidelines to be followed by the State Disaster Management Authorities for drawing up the State Plan and the Ministries / Departments of the Government of India for the purpose of integrating the measures for prevention of disasters or the mitigations of their effects in their development plans and projects
 - Co-ordinate enforcement and implementation of the policies and plans for Disaster Management
 - Recommend provisions of funds for the purpose of mitigation and
 - Lay down broad policies and guidelines for the functioning of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).
- iii) The State Governments and UT Authorities have been advised to set up State Authority and District Authority for each State / District to discharge broadly similar functions at the State and District level. Chief Minister will function as Chairman at State level and Collector will function as Chairman at District level.
- iv) After the earthquake in Gujarat in 2001, the responsibility for managing disasters is entrusted to the Ministry of Home Affairs in view of the highly technical and specific nature of certain disaster events.

Disaster	Nodal Ministry
Natural Disasters other than drought	Ministry of Home Affairs
Drought	Ministry of Agriculture
Air accidents	Ministry of Civil Aviation
Railway accidents	Ministry of Railways
Chemical disasters	Ministry of Environment and Forests
Biological disasters	Ministry of Health
Nuclear disasters	Department of Atomic Energy