

NATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE

In terms of Section 44 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 *“There shall be constituted a National Disaster Response Force for the purpose of specialist response to a threatening disaster situation or disaster”*.

In compliance of this provision of DM Act, the Ministry of Home Affairs raised the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for the purpose of specialized response to disasters or disaster like situations. NDRF was initially constituted in the year 2006 with 8 Battalions which were stationed in different parts of the country based on the vulnerability profile. Two more Battalions were raised in the year 2010 and subsequently 2 additional battalions have been raised in the year 2015. As of now, NDRF has strength of 12 Bns consisting of 1149 personnel each. The force has emerged as a visible, vibrant, multi-skilled, hi-tech and stand alone force capable of dealing with all types of natural and man-made disasters (including Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear emergencies). The locations of 12 Bns are at :- Bhatinda, Ghaziabad, Patna, Guwahati, Vadodara, Pune, Arakkonam, Krishna-AP, Mundli-Odisha, Haringhata-WB, Varanasi and Arunachal Pradesh. In addition, 23 teams of NDRF have also been stationed at different strategic locations to reduce the response time in case of disasters.

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Development of infrastructure for NDRF Battalions

In order to make the NDRF battalions fully functional and to house its men and material, construction of infrastructure and ancillary work is considered essential. In this regard, the Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 882.24 Crores for development of infrastructure in 10 Bns and 10 Team locations of NDRF, in March 2015. It is scheduled to complete the project by March 2018. The project will help in increasing functional efficiency in the administrative matter, capacity building, storage of specialized equipment of NDRF as well as relief stores/ resources and increase the moral of the force, which in turn will help in more effective and prompt response by the NDRF to the disaster affected area thereby help in mitigating the effects of disaster related incident all over the country.

The project involves construction of Office Buildings, Training block (Basic rubble field and props, High rise rescue, Advance search and rescue and Swimming pool deep diving etc.) and Residential Quarters.