

DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF HP STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 11.07.2014 IN THE CHIEF MINISTER CONFERENCE ROOM UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER REGARDING PREPARATION FOR SOUTH WEST MONSOON AND WINTER SEASON-2014-15.

1. The list of participants is attached at Annexure – I.
2. Speech of Hon'ble Revenue Minister is at Annexure – II.
3. Speech of Hon'ble Chief Minister is at Annexure –III.

Shri. Kaul Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Revenue Minister, H.P. welcomed Shri Virbhadra Singh Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Rajinder Rana, VC, HPSDMA and other distinguished Members and special invitees and gave a detailed overview of the meeting.

Shri Virbhadra Singh Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed and discussed all aspects of disaster preparedness at State and district levels. He further emphasized for more alertness in responding to various natural calamities.

Records of Discussion/Decisions.

(1) Status of preparation of State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP)/District Disaster Management Plans (DDMPs).

The State Disaster Management Plan and the Seven District Disaster Management Plans of Shimla, Kinnaur, Mandi, Kangra, Solan, Lahaul & Spiti & Una districts were approved.

The Hon'ble CM directed to expedite the finalization of DDMPs which are in the preparatory & draft stage.

(Action by the DC of Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Sirmaur, Chamla and Kullu District - Time limit for Compliance - 3 Months)

(2) Activation of Control Room:

Principal Secretary (Revenue - Disaster Management Cell) informed that Control Rooms have been established in all the districts and sub-divisions. Nodal officers, Disaster Management (DM) have also been appointed in each district for better coordination in case of disasters/eventuality.

(3) Constitution of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF):

The matter regarding constitution of SDRF for the State was deliberated. The SDMA approved the Special dedicated force of three companies to be raised by the Police Department. For the above, the DMC had already released Rs. 1.15 Crore for capital infrastructure, equipments, training & capacity building programs. The recurring expenditure like salaries, allowances, etc. shall be met out by the Home Department.

(Action by the Police/Home Department)

A District Disaster Response Force (DDRF) of thirty trained Home Guards with proper training and equipped with Search & Rescue equipments in each district shall also be raised/trained for better response. The funds shall be provided by Rev - DMC.

(Action by All the Deputy Commissioners and Home Guards & Civil Defence department)

(4) Vulnerability Assessment-

Vulnerability assessment of temples, overcrowded places and River Basins shall be carried out and mock drills/Exercises for Flash floods/floods in Ravi/Beas/Satluj/Chenab/Yamuna Basins shall be conducted by DDMA's for better preparedness and response.

The Deputy Commissioners should evacuate the labour colonies located on the river banks in all the Hydro-Power Project areas before the onset of monsoon season.

(Action by Rev- DMC and by all DCs – For immediate compliance).

(5) Strengthening of Early Warning System (EWS):

The Early Warning System shall be strengthened as per the latest technology available, i.e. Universal Messaging System, Digital Display. Shri Rajinder Rana, Vice-Chairperson, SDMA emphasized on optimizing the use of Information & Communication Technology for dissemination of EWS.

(Action-Private & Govt Telecommunication/Mobile Operators, Rev- DMC, Central Water Commission, India Meteorology Department (IMD) and all the DCs)

(6) Emergency Response Activities & Comprehensive Plan for Storage of Essential items-

The land for Emergency Operation Center at State headquarters has been identified and a Consultant engaged for setting up/designing the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEO)/District Emergency Operation Centres (DEOCs). Similarly,

District Administrations have already identified places for setting up of DEOCs in all districts of H.P.

(Action- All the DCs)

A Comprehensive plan for storage of Essential items, i.e. Food grains, Kerosene oil, Medicines, Drinking Water, Relief Camps and Evacuation plans for Districts in case of any eventualities have been received from all the DCs.

(7) Funds under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

The utilization of funds under SDRF/NDRF should be reviewed by the Divisional Commissioners on a quarterly basis.

The expenditure of Rs. 293.20 Crore under SDRF/NDRF during fiscal year 2013-14 was approved. Hon'ble Chief Minister also directed to have a report within 15 days positively from all DCs with regard to utilization/balance funds available with them under SDRF/NDRF.

(Action- All the Div. Coms./DCs in H.P., (Time limit for Compliance - 15 Days)

(8) Strengthening of Training Institutes in Himachal Pradesh for Capacity Building & Awareness Generation-

In addition to HIPA, the matter of strengthening of Revenue Training Institute, Jogindernagar and Directorate of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali for Capacity Building and awareness generation in disaster management was discussed and approved by the SDMA, for which funds shall be provided by Rev- DMC.

(Action-Rev-DM Department)

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also directed that Training of NCC/NSS Volunteers, Government officials and general Public in Search and Rescue & Evacuation should also be conducted.

(Action-Rev-DMC, DCs, Civil Defence & Home Guards & NDRF)

Mock drill should also be conducted in schools and all such places/buildings which attract large number of gatherings/visitors in all important establishments of the Government with a view to sensitize people to disasters.

(Action- Rev-DMC, Education Department and all the DCs)

Chairman, HPSDMA also suggested that additional funds shall also be provided / released to the Deputy Commissioners to put warning signage along the river banks in Hindi & English. Funds shall be provided to the DCs by Rev-DMC.

(Action- Rev-DMC and DCs)

In addition, following decisions were also taken:-

- The reminder regarding Establishment/set up of NDRF Battalion at Nurpur, shall be sent to MHA, Govt. of India for immediate necessary action.

(Action- Rev-DMC)

- Secretariat Administration Department (SAD) may be asked to vacate parking space in front of Armsdale Building and all Govt/ Private vehicle be parked in the parking place adjacent to

Armsdale Building for free movement of fire tenders in case of any eventualities.

(Action- SAD, Time limit for Compliance - 15 Days)

The PWD may also explore the possibility of having a flyover bridge between Secretariat and Himfed Petrol pump for minimizing the traffic congestion for the free movement of fire tenders.

(Action by PW Dept)

- Further the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that each and every department should prepare their disaster management plan in terms of guidelines issued by the NDMA and submit it to SDMA for approval.

(Action by all the concerned departments)

- It was also decided that Landslide study shall be conducted at Kinnaur, Pangi, Dodrakwar and other landslides prone areas, with the help of Forest and Environment Departments.

(Action- State Geologist, Department of Industries/Forest and Environment, Science and Technology Departments)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.