

Proceedings of the 4th Meeting of HPSDMA held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister (Chairperson HPSDMA) on 17/08/2015 at 11:00 AM in CM Conference Room, H.P Secretariat Shimla.

List of participants is appended.

At the outset, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue- DM) cum Member secretary Shri Tarun Sridhar welcomed the Hon'ble CM, Shri Rajinder Rana, Vice-Chairperson, HP SDMA, Shri P. Mitra, Chief Secretary and the members participating in the 4th meeting of SDMA. He briefed the Authority on the progress that has been made since the last meeting held on July 11th, 2014. Giving a detailed account of the activities that have been carried out by the SDMA and DMC, the ACS apprised the members about the damages and losses that incurred during the current South-west monsoon in Himachal Pradesh. He informed that as on 17th August, the cumulative losses suffered by the State were to the tune of Rs. 628.86 Crores and as many as 68 persons lost their precious lives. He also gave detailed account on the losses and damages suffered in terms of houses damaged, Animals lost, roads damaged, damage to IPH schemes, Damage to agriculture and horticulture crops including damage to community and Govt. assets. He also apprised the Authority about the funds released to different departments to deal with the situation arising on account of monsoon calamity. The Chairman observed that the concerned departments be directed to utilize the fund expeditiously and submit a detailed account and utilization certificate with respect to the relief works undertaken by the respective departments. Subsequent releases should only be made after receiving proper UCs. The ACS also brought to the notice of the Hon'ble CM and the Authority that the State has received central assistance of Rs. 71.53 Crores under NDRF in response to the memorandum submitted by the Department of Revenue for instant disaster i.e. hailstorms of 2014-15

Point no -1 Confirmation of Proceedings of the meeting held on 11th July, 2014.

 The Authority approved and confirmed the proceedings.

Agenda item no 1- Status of preparation of State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) and District Disaster management Plans (DDMPs)

The Authority appreciated the efforts of the DMC in preparing State Disaster Management report that received appreciation at the National level and desired that

the same be updated regularly. With respect to the district disaster management plans the Chairman directed that DC Chamba be advised to prepare and submit the District Disaster management plan at the earliest and all DCs be directed to undertake mock drills and exercises for testing the practical applicability of plans prepared by them.

(Action by –All DCs)

Agenda item no -2 Activation of State Emergency Operation Centers (SEOC) and District Emergency Operation Centers (DEOCs).

The Authority observed that setting up of SEOC and DEOC is an important component of disaster management and the same should be accomplished without any loss of time. It was also decided to advise all Deputy Commissioners to take action in a time bound manner for establishing DEOC in consultation with the Disaster Management Cell.

(Action by DM Cell- Rev Deptt. and all DCs)

Agenda item no -3 Constitution of State Disaster Response Force

The Authority was informed about the steps taken both for establishing NDRF unit in the State as well as for constituting the SDR Force. The Authority was also apprised about the directions issued by MHA in this regard. DG Police informed about the action taken by the police department for utilizing the grant of Rs. 1.00 Crore for establishing training infrastructure in the state. Hon'ble Chief Minister desired that we should keep pursuing the Himachal Claim for establishing NDRF battalion in Himachal Pradesh and in the meanwhile may take action for establishing NDRF Company in the identified land in Nurpur area of Kangra District.

(Action by – DM Cell, Rev dept)

Agenda item no -7 Funds under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/ National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

The Authority approved the expenditure of Rs. 243, 96, 98,667/- incurred towards relief distribution under SDRF. The Authority also approved the expenditure of 1873.97 lakhs incurred under 13th Finance commission grant for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15 for capacity building. The perspective plan prepared by the DMC for utilizing the grants

amounting to Rs. 39.12 Crore for capacity building out of SDRF Rs. 1304 Crore approved by 14th Finance Commission was also approved.

Additional Agenda items:

The reminder regarding establishment / set up of NDRF Bn at Nurpur, Kangra shall be sent to MHA, Govt. of India for immediate necessary action.

The Authority was satisfied with the action and initiatives taken by the Revenue Department.

Secretariat Administration Department may be asked to vacate parking space in front of Armsdale building and all Govt. private vehicles be parked in the parking place adjacent to Armsdale building for free movement of fire tenders in case of any eventualities:

Hon'ble CM and other members of the HPSDMA showed their dissatisfaction with respect to the prevailing practice of parking vehicles in and around the Secretariat. He directed that SAD should make a plan and take appropriate action for improving the parking without any delay.

Preparation of Departmental Disaster Management Plans by each and every department:

Hon'ble CM observed not only the preparation of Departmental plans but time to time their testing is equally important. It was decided to direct all remaining departments to prepare their departmental plans within next three months and also prepare a schedule for their testing by undertaking mock drills.

(Action by- Concerned departments)

Landslide study shall be conducted at Kinnaur, Pangi, Dodrakwar and other landslide prone areas with the help of Forest and Environment Departments:

The Authority appreciated the initiatives of DMC taken for identifying landslide prone sites in the State and taking up the matter with Govt. of India.

New items:-

1. Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Reduction in development planning:-

The Authority agreed with the proposal of the DMC with regard to the necessity of mainstreaming DRR in development planning. It was observed that integrating DRR components in all new schemes/programs/projects being formulated in the State must incorporate DRR as mandatory component. It was decided to issue necessary directions to all HODs in this regard.

(Action By DMC/HoDs)

2. Updating H.P Disaster Management & Relief Manual:


The Authority approved the adoption of updated guidelines and appreciated the initiatives of the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in providing relief over and above the national norms for certain items.

3. Constitution of State Disaster Response Force:

The Authority unanimously approved the constitution of three companies of SDRF force in the state of Himachal Pradesh. It was also decided that SDRF in the State will be constituted as a multi disciplinary, multi skilled and stand alone force. It was decided that a concept outline of the proposed SDRF structure, its control and functions will be developed within 3 months by taking into consideration the SDRF structure adopted by other States.

(Action by Home/Police)

4. Strengthening of SDMA/DDMA under Development Support Services (DSS) scheme:-

 The Authority approved the proposal of DMC with regard to the strengthening of SDMA and DDMA. The strengthening of SDMA/DDMA will be undertaken as part of DSS by UNDP India under 14th Finance Commission grants for next 5 years with the focus on the following:

- a) Development support staff to strengthen the capacity of SDMA/DDMA.
- b) Enhancing institutional and community resilience to Disasters.
- c) As per the requirement of the SDMA, persons may be hired for expert services and Ministerial work.

(Action by DMC-UNDP India)

Following specific decisions were also taken:

Expressing concerns on the recent floods that ravaged Dharampur area of Mandi District, Hon'ble CM observed that the impact of natural hazards could have been minimized only if we had applied wisdom while selecting the site for undertaking construction in flood plains and other fragile areas. He directed PW department to initiate enquiry regarding construction of Dharampur Bus-Stand and also not to undertake any construction in areas if they are not suitable and are hazard prone in future. No construction should be taken until and unless proper mitigation measures are in place.

(Action by- PWD)

The Chairman observed that invariably the culverts along roads are blocked due to encroachments. As a result water pools are created on the roads resulting in damage of the roads and causing inconvenience to public at large. He gave directions to PWD that all the culverts along the entire national and State highways should be opened immediately so that the water finds its natural passage.

(Action by- PWD)

While appreciating the initiatives of DMC with regard to issuing alert messages to all tourists visiting Himachal Pradesh and putting signages at vulnerable locations along the rivers, he observed that the fencing at places has been tampered by miscreants as well as by people indulge in illegal mining activities. The directions to monitor as well as to repair the damaged fencing be issued to all concerned.

(Action by- PWD)

The Authority approved the proposal of the DMC for allocating and releasing Rs. 100 Crores for the current year undertaking relief work, providing ex-gratia payments, repair of roads and bridges, water supply schemes etc. to all Deputy Commissioners' as well as to department of PWD. IPH, Agriculture, Horticulture and Himachal State Electricity Board.

(Action by – Revenue Department)

Reacting on the account of measures taken by department of Revenue and other departments in handling the recent natural calamities the Hon'ble CM appreciated the timely and appropriate actions taken by the concerned officers but suggested that the same has not been reported appropriately because of the inadequate interaction with the media. In order to keep the public informed about it is imperative that regular and effective interaction with Media is established by providing factual position on the events and activities.

(Action by – All DCs/Depts.)

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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(Tarun Shridhar)

Addl. Chief Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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2. All the Additional Chief Secretaries/Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171 002.
3. All the Members of the H.P. SDMA. (As per list of participants).
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
6. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.

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