

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 6TH MEETING OF HP STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (HPSDMA) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER (CHAIRPERSON, HPSDMA), HP HELD ON 18.03.2020 AT 12 NOON IN HP SECRETARIAT SHIMLA.

List of Participants is at Annexure A.

At the outset, Sh. Onkar Chand Sharma, Principal Secretary (Revenue-DM) welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister (Chairperson, HPSDMA), Members of the SDMA, other Administrative Secretaries and other officers from departments present in the meeting of SDMA. Thereafter Shri D.C. Rana, Director-cum-Special Secretary (Rev-DM) started with the presentation and took up agenda for discussions.

Agenda Item No. 6.1: Confirmation of minutes of 5th meeting of the SDMA held on 1.9.2017.

The SDMA was informed that the proceedings of 5th meeting of the HP SDMA held on 01.09.2017 were sent to all the concerned and were also uploaded on HPSDMA website. No objection/suggestions have been received.

Decision:

The meeting noted and confirmed the proceedings.

Agenda Item No. 6.2: Action Taken Report on decisions taken in the last meeting

Action taken report on the decisions of the last meeting of the SEC held on 01.09.2017 were reviewed as under:-

Item No 5.2- Review of Preparedness for South West Monsoon-2017

SDMA was informed that necessary measures were taken during the Monsoon of 2017 and also taken during 2018 & Monsoon 2019. The DM Cell and DDMA's conducted various IEC activities to educate the drivers about safe driving. Besides, IEC campaign to educate all stakeholders was also carried out. No further action is to be taken in the matter now.

Decision:

In view of the progress and action taken, the agenda item is dropped.

Item No 5.3- Funds Received/Released Under State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF)

The SDMA was informed that no further action in the matter is to be taken.

Decision:

The agenda item is dropped.

Item No 5.5- Review/Updation of State Disaster Management Plan & District Disaster Management Plans

It was shared that the Disaster Management plans are required to be updated annually as per the DM Act 2005. The National Disaster Management Plan has been released in 2019 and several new guidelines have also been released by NDMA after 2017. Besides, the learning of mock drills needs to be incorporated and database also requires updation. Therefore, the SEC has resolved to revise the State Disaster Management Plan 2017 and all 12 DDMPs. These updated plans should also include newly formed Mitigation Funds guidelines and related activities at the Districts and State level.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the action taken and approved the agenda item.

Item No 5.6- Development of Different Modules, Strategies and Guidelines on Disaster Management

It was informed that the strategies and guidelines approved by the SDMA are being used. No further action is required to be taken in the matter.

Decision:

The agenda item is dropped.

Item No 5.7- Adoption of Incident Response System (IRS) Guidelines of NDMA in the State

SDMA was informed as per the NDMA's guidelines the IRT Structure at State Level has been notified. No further action is to be taken in the matter.

Decision:

The agenda item is dropped.

Item No 5.8- Review of Project Under Development Support Services(DSS) for Enhancing Institutional and Community Resilience in Partnership with UNDP India

List of human resource taken through UNDP and the positions for the Directorate of Disaster Management which have been notified on 12th December, 2018 was shared with the SDMA. It was informed that the R & P rules for newly created positions are under finalization and till then the contract for the existing consultants have been extended till 31.12.2020 with the concurrence of Finance Department and approval of Hon'ble Chairman.

Decision:

The agenda item is considered and confirmed.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 6.3: Powers and functions of the SDMA as per the DM Act 2005

The SDMA was made aware of the Powers and Functions of the SDMA as contained in Section 18 of the Disaster Management Act 2005.

Decision:

The agenda item is considered and noted.

Agenda item No. 6.4: Declaration of COVID-19 Virus Outbreak as notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and review of preparedness thereof

It was shared with the SDMA and other special invitees of the meeting that the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Division vide letter dated 14-03-2020 has decided to treat COVID-19 Virus Outbreak as notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). The items which have been added for norms of assistance under SDRF were shared in detail. That the Health Department has demanded funds to the tune of Rs. 10.00 Crores to take necessary measures to fight the virus epidemic and the DMC, Department of Revenue has released Rs. 5.00 Crores in the first instance from the SDRF.

The steps taken by the SDMA, DDMA's and Departments were shared with the SDMA. The ACS (Health) also briefed the SDMA about actions taken so far and plan of action for future.

Decision:

The SDMA directed that a close monitoring of the virus outbreak should be done in the State and all necessary measures should be taken by Health Department, Disaster Management Authorities and all other Departments at State and District level. The Departments need to prepare for worst case scenario.

Agenda Item No. 6.5: Adoption of Vision Document of BJP as Policy document of Government in respect of State Disaster Management Authority

The SDMA was informed that vide letter No.GAD-C(F)10-1/2018 dated 19.1.2018, the Government has fixed the following targets as per the Vision Document of the BJP Party adopted as Policy Document by the Government in respect of Disaster Management Cell:-

i) राज्य में भूकंप, भूस्खलन जैसोप्राकृतिकआपदाओं से निपटने कि लिए स्वास्थ्य सचिव की अध्यक्षता में समिति स्थापित की जाएगी और जिला-स्तर पर युवा स्वयंसेवक टास्कफोर्स का गठन किया जाएगा। यह टास्कफोर्स तत्सम्बन्धी सी0एम0ओं0 को रिपोर्ट करेगी और जरूरत के समय इनकी तैनाती को सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा।

The status on the 6 Schemes notified and implemented by the HPSDMA in this regard was shared with the SDMA with targets and achievements made so far. The matter was placed for the information of the SDMA.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the action taken.

ii) बढ़ते पर्यटकों की संख्या एवं प्राकृतिक आपदा की सम्भावनाओं के मददेनजर राज्य में नए हेलीपैड स्थापित करने के लिए बेहतर स्थानों की पहचान हेतु व्यापक अध्ययन किया जाएगा।

That as per the study conducted through Aryabhatta Geo-informatics & Space Application Centre (AGISAC) it was informed that there are 49 permanent helipads in the State, Besides, 80 temporary helipads and 76 schools/college grounds which are being used as helipads in the State were also mapped. As per the report submitted, if we use aerial grid of 10 Sq. M. there are many habited locations across the State which are currently not served by any helipad and the report suggested construction of helipads at 51 locations. The list has been shared with all the Deputy Commissioners for field verification.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the action taken. A detailed discussion took place on the need to regulate construction, raising of towers and lopping/raising of trees near

Helipads by the TCP Department and Rural Development Department in order to ensure safe landing and takeoff for choppers. The Deputy Commissioners should also look into these issues. Hon'ble Chairman directed to avoid using School grounds as Helipads in normal times and directed to identify viable locations for proper Heli operations without any obstruction during normal and disaster situations. It was also desired to construct more helipads in the State.

Agenda Item No. 6.6: Details of funds received/utilized under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) & National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 & Ex- post facto approvals of submission of Memorandums to GOI for Monsoon, 2018, 2019 and Winter 2019

The details of funds under the SDRF and NDRF received and utilized during the 2017 to 2019 were shared with the SDMA. It was also shared that there is considerable rise in funds allocation by Government of India against the Memorandum of Losses submitted by the State Government in past two years.

Sr. No.	Year	Total released of SDRF	Total amount of memorandum of losses assessed (Rs. in crore)	Funds provided against memorandum of losses (Rs. in crore)	% of funds received against memorandum of losses
1	2017	260	914.05	84.13	9.20%
2	2018	273	2099.42	312.76	14.90%
3	2019 (Winter)	287	374.21 (Winter)	64.49	17.20%
4	2019	-	1237.05	283.97	23%

Budget & Expenditure under SDRF & NDRF:-

Year	Budget under SDRF	Expenditure under SDRF	Budget under NDRF	Expenditure under NDRF
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2018-19	273 Crores	273 Crores	312.76 Crores	312.76 Crores
2019-20	225.93 Crores	225.93 Crores	348.46 Crores	348.46 Crores

Details of funds allotted to Districts and Department and expenditure was also shared with the SDMA.

Decision:

- The SDMA accorded ex post facto approval for submission of Memorandum to Govt. of India to seek assistance under NDRF for Monsoon 2018, 2019 and winter 2019.
- The expenditure incurred under SDRF and NDRF for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 was also approved.

Agenda Item No. 6.7: Approval of the Departmental Disaster Management Plans

The SDMA was informed that that under Section 40 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 every department of the State Governments is legally mandated to prepare its disaster management plan in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA). As per Section 18 (c) of the DM Act 2005 the Departmental DM Plans have to be approved by the SDMA. The Departmental Disaster Management Plans of 39 departments which were placed before HPSDMA for approval by circulation on file stands approved.

Decision:

The matter was placed for the information of the SDMA. SDMA took the note of the action taken and approved the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 6.8: Constitution of the State Disaster Response Force

It was informed that Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the raising of the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Response Force (HPSDRF) vide notification no. No. Rev. (DMC) (F) 11-48/2009/SDRF dated 6th January 2020 in line with National Disaster Response Force as per Section 4.8.1 of Himachal Pradesh State Policy on the Disaster Management. As approved by the Cabinet, till the raising of separate HP SDRF, one company strength each (drawn from HP Police to HPSDRF) as feasible will be stationed at nearby locations to the Police Ranges i.e. Shimla, Mandi and

Dharamshala (Kangra). Initially these three companies will be stationed at 1st HPAP Battalion Junga (Shimla), 3rd IRBnPandoh (Mandi) and 2nd IRBnSakoh (Kangra) respectively.

Decision:

The SDMA took the note of the action taken.

Agenda Item No. 6.9: Approval of Guidelines on Minimum Standards of Relief:

It was shared that Section 19 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 mandates SDMA to lay down detailed guidelines for providing standards of relief to persons affected by disaster in the State. The Act further provides that such standards shall in no case be less than the minimum standards in the guidelines laid down by the National Authority in this regard. NDMA has framed such guidelines under Section 12 of the DM Act 2005 and notified in February 2016. SDMA was informed that the minimum standards fixed by NDMA suits to the requirement of the State of Himachal Pradesh, as such it is proposed to adopt the same. In view of this, there is no need to prepare minimum standards of relief.

Decision:

SDMA approved the adoption of NDMA Guidelines for Minimum Standards of Relief for the State.

Agenda Item No. 6.10: NDMA's National Seismic Risk Mitigation Project

SDMA was informed about the National Seismic Risk Mitigation Programme (NSRMP) conceptualized by National Disaster Management Authority, and as a preparation to this project, 198 buildings in the State have been shortlisted for rapid visual screening and short listing for retrofitting in the State.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 6.11: Externally Aided Project under Bilateral Assistance from AFD (French Development Agency) "Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in Himachal Pradesh"

It was informed that the HPSDMA, DM Cell, Department of Revenue has designed a Disaster Risk Reduction & Preparedness Project with the external bilateral assistance to reduce risk and vulnerability of the State to various hazards. The total cost of the

project is 100 Million Euros (approximately Rs. 800 Crore) with a grant component of 8-10 Million Euros for the period of five years. This project is developed under a multi-sector framework with an aim to reduce risk and enhance resilience in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The project will specifically focus on enhancement of the technical capabilities and strengthening of the capacities on aspects of disaster risk management of Government agencies, technical institutions and other stakeholders with the larger objective of long-term risk mitigation, prevention and efficient response.

The status was shared about the Project which stands approved by the State Planning Department and forwarded to the Government of India. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India gave its No-Objection to the Project. The Project was also supported by the NITI AAYOG. The Project has now been approved by the Screening Committee of the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India in its 104th Meeting held on 16.02.2020 to be posed to the agency for funding.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 6.12: Allocation of funds under 15th Finance Commission & Creation of State & National Disaster Mitigation Funds

SDMA was informed that the allocation of SDRF under 15th Finance Commission for the current year i.e. 2020-21 is Rs. 454 crore which is 158 percent higher than last year's allocation. 20% of this allocation is available for mitigation activities. Besides, the Govt. of India has allocated 50 crore to the State for landslide and earthquake risk mitigation. Thus, for the current financial year funds available for mitigation comes to the tune of Rs. 140 crore. These funds are likely to be provided to the State during the full period of 15th FC. This fund has been created for the first time and will provide opportunities to the State to undertake large scale mitigation measure such as securing life line buildings, securing critical infrastructures, and undertaking large scale earthquake and landslide mitigation activities, etc.

The DM Cell has requested all Departments and districts to share proposal for mitigation and a Proposal to create a Project Management/Implementation Unit has also been sent to the Finance Department.

Decision:

SDMA took the note of the matter and directed the departments to prioritize and prepare the mitigation proposals at the earliest for enhancing the disaster resilience of the state.

Agenda item No. 6.13: Approval of the Annual Audit Report and Annual Activity Report

It was shared that under the Provision of Section 70 (2) of DM Act 2005 and Rule 11 of HP DM Rules 2011, the Annual Reports of SDMA are to be laid before the State Legislature. In this regard, reports of FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 have been prepared by the DM Cell and are placed for consideration and approval of SDMA

Decision:

The Annual Audit and Annual Activity Reports placed were approved.

Other Items

The Chief Minister also issued the following directions:-

- i) The Urban Development Department may take immediate mitigation measures for protecting the sinking part of the Ridge behind Gaiety Theater and safety of water tank below the Ridge. He also emphasized the need to find alternative site to the water storage in Ridge or nearby Area of Shimla as an alternative to this water tank.
- ii) Directions were also issued to take restoration and protection activities in Saurabh Van Vihar in Palampur area.

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



(Onkar Chand Sharma)

Principal Secretary (Revenue-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Member Secretary – HPSDMA

Ends. No. Rev. (DMC) (F) 11-45/2012-III dated: March, 2020

Copy forward for information & necessary action to the following:

1. The Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Members of SDMA.
3. All the Divisional Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh
4. All the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairperson, DDMA, Himachal Pradesh
5. All the Head of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Principal Private Secretary cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (Chairperson, HPSDMA)
7. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh


31/3/20
(D.C.Rana)

Director-cum-Special Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh