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Minutes of the meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority held at Raj Niwas on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 10:30 AM

1. A meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority chaired by Lt. Governor of Delhi was held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the conference hall of LG Secretariat at Raj Niwas. The agenda points of the meeting were as follows:-
  - 1.1. Discussion and approval of State Disaster Management Plan and District Disaster Management Plans of 11 districts of Delhi
  - 1.2. Review of structural safety measures including retrofitting of buildings in Delhi
  - 1.3. Review of fire safety measures in Delhi
  - 1.4. Review of training Programmes, workshops and mock drills on disaster management in Delhi
  - 1.5. Review of disaster preparedness of hospitals
2. The members of Delhi Disaster Management Authority and the officers as per the list attached attended the meeting.
3. Lt. Governor welcomed the participants of the meeting. Citing the example of Nepal Earthquake, Hon'ble Lt. Governor also highlighted the importance of a defined disaster response plan for the city of Delhi.
4. Thereafter, The State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) of Delhi and District Disaster Management Plans of the 11 Districts of Delhi were presented before the authority. Divisional Commissioner of Delhi gave a presentation on SDMP. He informed that in the disaster management plans vulnerable areas and people have been identified with respect to various natural and manmade disasters. The

plans delineate the roles and functions of different government agencies in both pre-disasters (Mitigation & Preparedness) and post-disasters (Response & Relief) phase. The timelines have been set for various activities to have a robust response system as part of Standard Operating Procedure.

5. Divisional Commissioner also highlighted that the SDMP envisages establishment of District Disaster Management Centres in each of 11 districts in coordination with Delhi Fire Service. At the community level the plan emphasizes on establishment of 33 community disaster management centres, one for each subdivisions to be controlled by Dy Chief Warden of Civil Defence of respective Sub Divisions. The plan also discussed about augmenting Quick Response Teams of DDMA.
6. Chief Secretary briefed about the need to empanel structural engineers to guide people in safe construction of houses. Divisional Commissioner also informed that NCT level mock drill is scheduled to be conducted in October-November of this year. The Authority discussed on having regular mock drills on various disasters in schools and at community level. The status of settling up of U.T Disaster Response Fund was updated to the meeting and concept of raising State Disaster Response Force was also placed. Authority was also appraised by the Divisional Commissioner about proposal made to Transport Department regarding notification of Disaster Management Lanes in arterial roads which will be activated in times of disasters.
7. Recently concluded UN Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction was also briefly discussed. Divisional Commissioner assured the Authority that the Plans are in line with the goal set in the framework.
8. The General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Area highlighted the need of pre planning for relocation of vulnerable and affected population in disaster situations and committed that they will make the Army infrastructures available in the event of disasters and also desired to integrate themselves with the communication framework of Delhi Disaster Management Authority.



9. Chief Minister emphasized that Delhi needs to have key infrastructures such as hospitals expanded, water supply strengthened and schools and lifelines buildings retrofitted, wherever necessary, so that these facilities continue to function even during times of disasters. He desired to construct more bridges on Yamuna to ensure faster mobility. He further highlighted that Delhi may need financial help from the Central Government to achieve this.
10. Dy. Chief Minister emphasized on making the disaster plans more inclusive by focusing on slum dwellers and unauthorized colonies which have maximum vulnerability during any disaster. He highlighted the need for early regularization of unauthorized colonies so that existing techno-legal frameworks for ensuring disaster resilience, such as building bye-laws, etc. can come into effect in these areas.
11. Sh. Kamal Kishore (Member, NDMA) and the other experts present highly appreciated the efforts made in articulating the planning aspects very well in the plan documents. The emphasis on community based disaster management response system by using the Civil Defence Corps was also appreciated. It was emphasized by Member, NDMA that increasing investment in Disaster Risk Reduction programmes is the need of the hour. He also emphasized that structural engineers need to be empanelled and demonstrative retrofitting shall be carried out in order to motivate and guide people in seismic resilient construction of houses.
12. Prof. Santosh Kumar of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) apprised the house on importance of identifying disaster risk in each sector such as health, housing, etc. and planning for their mitigation. He highlighted the importance of financial tools such as insurance, in disaster risk reduction (DRR). He also offered the assistance of NIDM in capacity building of the stakeholders in DRR.
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need for integration of legal and financial safeguards for people in any community oriented disaster risk reduction programmes. He also briefed the authority about the need for amendments in Master Plan of Delhi based on the scientific findings of seismic microzonation and soil studies conducted by IMD.

14. After detailed deliberations, Delhi Disaster Management Authority approved the State Disaster Management Plan and District Disaster Management Plans of the 11 districts of Delhi. Lt. Governor impressed on all concerned that since the plans have now been approved, all the concerned agencies of Govt. should focus on implementing it so that the objectives of the plans are fulfilled. He further emphasized on better inter-agency coordination to have convergent and efficient approach to disaster management.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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