

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT (HQ)  
5-SHAM NATH MARG: DELHI-110054**

**F.No. 1(457)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/2020 / 22**

**Dated: 26/4/2023**

**Subject: Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority held at Raj Niwas on 18th March 2023 at 11:30 AM.**

**Madam/Sir,**

Please find enclosed herewith Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority held at Raj Niwas on 18th March 2023 (Saturday) at 11:30 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi at Raj Niwas for information and further necessary action.

**End: As above**

  
**(Sharad Kumar)  
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**To**

1. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi
2. Spl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCT of Delhi.
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister, Revenue Department, GNCT of Delhi.
4. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, GNCT of Delhi.
5. Staff Officer to Commissioner of Police, Delhi.
6. Staff officer to General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Area.
7. Pr. Secretary (Home/Revenue) GNCT of Delhi.
8. Joint Secretary, (Policy & Plan) NDMA, MHA, Govt. of India, Member, DDMA
9. Chairperson, New Delhi Municipal Council, New Delhi
10. Vice Chairman, DDA, Delhi
11. Commissioner, MCD
12. Sh. Rajendra Ratnoo, Executive Director, NIDM, MHA
13. Dr. O.P. Mishra, Director, National Centre of Seismology
14. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD
15. MD, Delhi Transport Corporation, GNCTD
16. Spl. CEO(Disaster Management), GNCTD
17. Director, Delhi Fire Service, GNCTD
18. All District Magistrates

  
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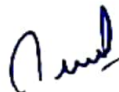
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Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority held at Raj Niwas on 18th March 2023 at 11.30 AM

1. The 38th meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) chaired by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi was held on 18th March, 2023, at 11:30 AM in the conference hall of LG Secretariat at Raj Niwas. The agenda of the meeting was to review and discuss the preparedness of District Disaster Management Authorities to deal with disaster in Delhi.
2. The Members of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Special invitees and Officers as per the list enclosed attended the meeting.
3. At the outset, the Chief Secretary, Delhi welcomed Members of DDMA and other participants of the meeting and requested Hon'ble Lt. Governor to present the opening remarks and start the proceedings.
4. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that Delhi falls in Zone-IV of the Seismic Map and large portion of housing in the city is not in accordance with the building rules and byelaws, making them inherently weak and prone to damage. This makes the residents extremely vulnerable in the event of an earthquake. He observed that approaches in unauthorized colonies are narrow which makes movement of vehicles and people almost impossible in case of any disaster. He stated that during the last two years DDMA under the overall guidance of NDMA had handled the pandemic period and expressed hope that authorities have learnt lessons from that period and will use it to improve their response during disasters.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor noted that preparedness is the best remedy to mitigate the effects of any disaster which requires multi-prong strategies to deal with disasters, such as designing effective disaster management plans in consultation with all stakeholders and putting them to the test through mock demonstrations/drills on a regular basis.





The Hon'ble Lt. Governor highlighted the importance of structural safety of all lifeline buildings like hospitals, communication centers, fire stations, police stations, etc. to make them earthquake-resistant. He impressed upon the need of launching massive awareness campaigns on a regular basis to make every resident aware of basic know-how to deal with any disaster and stated that regular mock drills and sensitization programs in schools, colleges and colonies must be organized to enhance the capacity of disaster management teams as regular training and using technology is essential for being effective during disasters.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed all District Magistrates heading the District Disaster Management Authorities to activate the Disaster Management Cells and keep testing its functioning on a regular basis and stressed that mitigation must be mainstreamed and factored in all our approaches, including construction activities, the school education system, RWAs, and government departments so that residents are better prepared as a disaster-resilient society. He underlined the importance of a coordinated approach in Delhi to deal with any disaster effectively, with the objective of zero loss of human life.

5. The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that the authority was holding the first meeting after the COVID pandemic and desired to focus on H3N2 influenza virus cases. He observed that Delhi should always be prepared to deal with any kind of disaster which can take place in Delhi. He pointed out that as a large number of buildings in Delhi are unsafe and efforts have been made from time to time to conduct a survey but effective action needs to be taken in this regard. He urged all concerned to work towards ensuring the safety of citizens by ensuring structural safety.

6. Spl. CEO (DM) gave a brief Presentation regarding the preparedness of District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA). In the presentation, it was emphasized that there is an urgent need for local bodies to identify dangerous buildings and enforce structural safety norms. It was also suggested that structural engineers may be empanelled to guide people in safe construction of houses. It was informed that DDMA has procured 53 Satellite phones in consultation with National Disaster Management Authority through BSNL which would be vital in any disaster like situation. To assess the preparedness of District DMAs, a Multi-State Level Mock Exercise on Earthquake Scenario is being conducted by NDMA in coordination with DDMA in Delhi on 24.03.2023. It was briefed that as part of the upscaling of Aapda Mitra Scheme of NDMA, the DDMA will train 1800 selected volunteers in skills of basic relief and rescue measures so that they can support the community during disaster situations. These volunteers will be provided with an Emergency Response Kit and insurance cover for a sum insured of Rs. 5 lakh for any bodily injury or death claim. This insurance policy also covers a hospitalization upto Rs.50 thousand while on training or during disaster management.



Furthermore, it was informed that DDMA is procuring equipment in consultation with NDRF for all the 11 districts for effective early response for incidents of building collapse, uprooting of trees, drowning of the district, and other disasters. It was stated that the modern EOC is essential. It was informed that DDA has communicated the approval of handing over of possession of land.

7. Secretary, H&FW, GNCTD gave a presentation with respect to the H3N2 influenza situation in Delhi. He informed that the situation is well under control and cases this year are less than those in previous years. He informed that the authorities are well prepared.

8. The Chief Secretary expressed concern over the large number of fire incidents in the walled city area and suggested the need for well-trained manpower in handling disasters. He suggested for having EOC at Vikas Bhawan-II, Delhi. The Chief Secretary asked to examine the proposal for establishment of a State Disaster Response Force in Delhi to improve the city's disaster management capabilities. He stated earlier recommendations made in the wake of disasters be executed urgently by the agencies in a time bound manner and action taken report be submitted within 15 days by all concerned.

9. Maj. General Bhavnish Kumar, representing GOC, Delhi Area, stated that their system including the control room & task force is in place and is well streamlined and committed that the army infrastructure will be available in the event of any disaster.

10. Dr. O.P. Mishra, Director, National Centre of Seismology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India informed that their department is working on an early warning system for earthquakes and emphasized the need for structural safety.

11. Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Secretary NDMA, MHA, updated regarding the deployment of NDRF teams in Delhi and informed that NDRF currently has a presence at five locations in the city and one full battalion at Ghaziabad. They have one team each stationed at Noida and R K Puram, three teams at Dwarka and a small team at Jodhpur House. He also informed that they are raising 16th New battalion and DDA has allotted land in Najafgarh for NDRF. He emphasized the need for the Delhi Disaster Management Authority to prioritize the constitution of SDRF. He urged the DDMA to expedite the training of Aapda Mitra Volunteers.

12. Sh. Rajendra Ratnoo, Executive Director, NIDM, apprised that NIDM could always be on the front foot to help the agencies. He emphasized safety audits of the schools, hospitals and EOC. He informed that NIDM is also in touch with the Turkish government and would like to bring some lessons for India from their experiences.



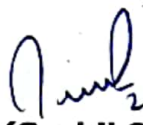


13. In his concluding remarks, Hon'ble CM emphasized on building upon previous efforts to improve disaster preparedness and response. He suggested to check the current status of retrofitting. He stated that the recommendations of the Committees can be compiled to decide which recommendations have been implemented and what needs to be done in the future.

14. In his concluding remarks, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor highlighted the unpredictable nature of disasters, citing his experience of the earthquake in Bhuj and recent experiences emanating out of the disastrous earthquake in Turkey, as indeed the frequent tremors that had been experienced in the NCR. He suggested that authorities should identify some grounds & hospitals, district/sub-division wise, where one can shift immediately if a disaster occurs and make a list which can be ready with the District Disaster Management Authorities. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested that Local Bodies must identify vulnerable areas that can barely accommodate fire tenders and ambulances and work on the situation. He also suggested to explore the use of the railway telecom network. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor further directed that training under the Aapda Mitra Scheme to be expedited and details of the volunteers e.g. their names, phone numbers and addresses to be uploaded on the website. He stressed the importance of regular mock drills/exercises to test the readiness and effectiveness of disaster response measures.

15. It was further decided that Minutes of all previous meetings be examined and Action Taken Report thereon should be compiled and to list out what actions are still pending. The same may be submitted for the perusal of competent authority within a fortnight.

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

  
26/4/2023  
(Sushil Singh)

**Spl. CEO (Disaster Management)**

List of participations in the meeting of Delhi Disaster management Authority  
held at Raj Niwas on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at 11:30 AM

S.No.	Name of the officer	Designation & Department
1.	Sh. Arvind Kejriwal	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi
2.	Sh. Kailash Gehlot	Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD
3.	Sh. Naresh Kumar	Chief Sectary of Delhi
4.	Sh. Subhasish Panda	Vice Chairman DDA
5.	Sh. Gyanesh Bharti	Commissioner MCD
6.	Sh. Sanjay Singh	Spl. CP Operations
7.	Sh. Ashwani Kumar	Pr. Sec. Home / Revenue , GNCTD
8.	Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar	Sec, H&FW , GNCTD
9.	Sh. Kunal Satyarthi	JS. NDMA, MHA, GOI
10.	Major General Bhavnish Kumar	Representing GOC,
11.	Dr. O.P. Mishra	Director National Centre for Seismology Ministry of Earth Science GOI
12.	Sh. Rajendra Ratnoo	Executive Director NIDM
13.	Dr. Ankita Chakravarty	Secretary, NDMC
14.	Ms. R. Menaka	DM, North
15.	Ms. Menka Chaitenya Prasad	DM, South
16.	Ms. Ankita Anand	DM, New Delhi
17.	Ms. Sonika Singh	DM, Central
18.	Sh. Anil Banka	DM(East)
19.	Sh. Arun Mishra	DM, North East
20.	Smt. Isha Khosala	DM, South-East
21.	Sh. Hemant Kumar	DM, South-West
22.	Dr. Nutan Mundeja	DGHS, GNCTD
23.	Sh. Amit Kale	CGM, DTC
24.	Sh. Sushil Singh	Spl. CEO Disaster Management
25.	Atul Garg	Director DFS
26.	Sh. Babu Lal Meena	ADM New Delhi
27.	Sh. Virendra Singh	Chief Fire Officer, Delhi
28.	Sh. D. S. Gunjyal	Director (Med.), NDMC