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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Constitution of an Apex Committee for Development of Codes-
reviewing the progress of revision of existing codes,
development of new codes, manuals and documents for
earthquake risk mitigation.**

It is important to put in place appropriate codes/guidelines for effective earthquake risk mitigation. The Bureau of India Standards (BIS) has laid down National Standards for design and construction of buildings and infrastructures projects in different seismic zones. It has been noted that some of the codes have not been updated for some time now and there is also a need for development of new codes for earthquake risk mitigation. In view of this, a comprehensive action plan for revision of all relevant codes and development of new codes/handbooks/commentaries/manuals for earthquake risk mitigation has been drawn up in consultation with BIS and it has been decided to take measures for awareness generation about these codes and also their easy availability.

2. In order to institutionalize the process and mechanism for development of codes for disaster mitigation, it has been decided to constitute an Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (BM), Ministry of Home Affairs and comprising of the following as members;

- i) Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- ii) Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- iii) Joint Secretary and Central Relief Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs

2. The Committee will meet once in every six months to review the progress of revision of existing codes, and development of new codes/documents/manuals/guidelines for earthquake risk mitigation and also availability of these codes in different parts of the country.

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