Minutes of the Special meeting of the National Executive Committee held under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary on 6th October 2017 at 3.00 p.m. at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi.

A special meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) was held on 6th October 2017 under the chairmanship of Shri Rajiv Gauba, Union Home Secretary at NDMC Convention Centre, Sansad Marg, New Delhi to discuss implementation of Hon'ble Prime Minister's 10 Point Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction. The list of participants is at Annexure I.

2. Addressing the participants, the Union Home Secretary, Shri Rajiv Gauba, informed that 10 point Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 3rd November 2016 during the meeting of Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. He mentioned that the agenda is a vision document based on three important global frameworks on disaster and sustainable development, namely Sustainable Development Goal, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Paris Agreement on Climate Change. He said that India is one of the most disaster- prone countries. He further added that due to climatic and topographical divergence, different disasters affect different parts of the country. In view of the disaster vulnerability of the country, he expressed the need for implementing the PM's 10 point agenda in a time bound manner. He also outlined the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the agenda including formation of task force for making a road map for creation of Coalition of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and formulation of action plan with UNISDR for implementing certain activities. He emphasized that interconnectedness and cooperation among different stakeholders including Central Government, State/UT Governments and other stakeholders could help achieving the targets announced by the Prime Minister. He requested NDMA to devise a mechanism for implementing the agenda and its regular monitoring.

3. Shri Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA made a presentation on the subject. He said that PM's 10 Point Agenda gives concrete ideas for implementing Sendai framework. He stated that for the implementation for 10 point agenda, many factors are important such as participation of all stakeholders including Government, private sector, Academia & multi-lateral institutions, tangible & measurable outcomes, well defined time-frames, linkages across each of the ten points, dedicated capacity to monitor implementation and a communication strategy for mobilization. He also highlighted some of actionable points for the stakeholders including mainstreaming DRR in flagship schemes of the Government, development of disaster insurance mechanisms for home-owners in disaster prone areas, inclusion of women units of National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force, undertaking

a national level disaster risk assessment along with an online platform, developing an e-platform to map expertise and resources on highly specialized aspects of disaster response, developing a social media strategy for disaster risk management in the country, developing national guidelines for post-disaster recovery and systematically documenting post-disaster recovery work and lessons learnt. Copy of the presentation is at Annexure-II.

4.   Suggestions/inputs received from representatives of Central Ministries and State Governments and UT governments in this regard are given below:

   i)   Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is revising their disaster management plan for incorporating PM's 10 point agenda.

   ii) Ministry of Power has revised their Disaster Management Plan and Crisis Management Plan. They are also preparing sectoral crisis management plans for thermal, hydro, transmission and distribution sectors. The assets, both public and private, in generation and transmission sectors are insured, while assets in distribution sector are being insured.

   iii) Andhra Pradesh informed that they are devising policies for risk insurance for vulnerable assets (housing, crop and property) in consultation with the World Bank. The State has also partnered with College and academia for mainstreaming of DRR. The State also developed software for integrating disaster warning from different agencies.

   iv) Department of Atomic Energy informed that they have developed earthquake early warning system protocol, which can forecast a earthquake of 4.0 magnitude or above with lead time of 24 hours.

   v)   Ministry of Water Resource informed that they are developing frequency based flood prone area assessment and would be completed within a year. They have also developed a web-portal for flood forecast dissemination for common public and another web-portal for sharing of comprehensive water related information under single window.

   vi) Gujarat informed that Hazard Risk Vulnerability Atlas has been prepared. The State is also encouraging more participation of women in DRR.

   vii) Uttar Pradesh informed that they have developed a mobile application for drought. On a request for handholding in case of building capacity for chemical disasters, Home Secretary advised the State Government to be in touch with the Ministry of Environment & Forest, which is the nodal ministry for chemical disaster. Representative of Ministry of Environment & Forest

assured to provide all possible support to the State for capacity building in managing chemical disaster.

viii) Tamil Nadu requested to explore possibility of earmarking certain percentage of CSR fund exclusively for disaster mitigation activities. NDMA was requested to examine the same.

ix) Punjab informed that they are encouraging women participation through Rural Development programmes and Self-help Group.

x) Arunachal Pradesh informed that they do not have local domain experts on DRR and also expressed the need for developing an e-platform for resource sharing. NDMA was requested to consider the requests of the State.

xi) Karnataka informed that they have started using Aadhar based fund transfer for releasing disaster relief support. The State has started utilizing Information Technology for disaster management through GIS mapping of infrastructure and twitter account for dissemination of disaster related information.

xii) Odisha requested to carry out a study on status of disaster preparedness of different States. They also expressed the need for more inter-state cooperation on disaster management. NDMA was requested to consider the requests of the State.

xiii) Chandigarh informed that a Post-Graduate course has been started on disaster management. They have used radar technology and GIS for mapping disaster vulnerability.

xiv) Haryana informed that they are implementing the PM's 10 point agenda through different State Government's initiative. Some of notable initiatives are building resilient infrastructure by stricter implementation of building bye-code, e-platform for resource sharing etc.

xv) Sikkim requested for early installing Doppler Weather Radar at Gangtok. IMD was requested to expedite the same.

xvi) Ministry of Science and Technology informed that they along with NDMA are working on disaster data standardization and dissemination.

xvii) Sh. N. C. Marwa, Member, NDMA stressed the need for integration of all control rooms at State level and capacity building at local level. He also requested the States to share their innovation with NDMA.

xviii) Sh. D. N. Sharma, Member, NDMA emphasized the need for capacity building in the field of chemical disaster, as its impact is swift and immediate.

5. After discussion, following decisions were taken:

   i) Central Ministries would prepare road map for implementing 10 point agenda by December 2017 and share with Ministry of Home Affairs.

   ii) State/UTs would discuss the PM's 10 point agenda in their State Executive Committee for raising awareness and chalk out time bound plan with specific outcome for implementing the PM's 10 point Agenda by December 2017. The action plan of the State/UTs may also be shared with Ministry of Home Affairs.

6. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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