

Institutional Framework

1. Department of Disaster Management

Prior to 1977-78 Department of Disaster Management in Bihar was primarily a section of Revenue and Land Reform Department called by “Relief and Rehabilitation”. But it was separated from its mother department in 1979. On 18.03.2004 vide Government notification the name of department was converted as “Disaster Management Department”. It is now recognized as the nodal department responsible for preparedness, response, relief and rescue works in all type of disasters. Moreover being the nodal department it co-ordinates different line departments as well as stake holders for a common goal for DM.

The administrative structure of the department at state and district level is attached as annexure -1

Bihar State Disaster Management Authority

The BSDMA has been established vide notification no. 3449 dated 16.11.2007 and is now fully operational. The government of Bihar has provided sufficient officer and staff for the functioning of BSDMA. The BSDMA (Functions and Management) rule 2012 has been issued vide Govt. notification no. 180 dated 15.01.2013.

- **Copies of notifications are attached here as Annexure-2.**
- **Copies of Work performed by BSDMA attached as Annexure-3**

District Disaster Management Authority

The District Administration in Bihar is the focal point for field level DM. It is responsible for implementation of all government contingency plans. Considerable powers have therefore been wrested upon the District Collector to carry out operations in the shortest possible time. The state of Bihar has 38 districts and in all the districts DDMA's have been established

vide Govt. notification no. 1502 dated 03.06.08. They are in the primary stage of functioning. Department of Disaster Management and BSDMA have been trying to strengthen their functioning. All the DDMA's have District Disaster Management Plan for flood in place and it is updated time to time.

District Magistrate exercises coordinating and supervisory power over functionaries of all the departments at the district level in the event of emergencies.

The notification no. 1502 dated 03.06.08 is attached as Annexure-4.

Role of Sub-district Administration

A district is sub-divided into sub-divisions and Blocks. The head of a sub-division is called the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) while the head of a Block is generally known as the Block Development Officer. When a disaster is apprehended, the entire machinery of the District, including officers of technical and other Departments, swings into action and maintains almost continuous contact with each village and with department.

State Executive Committee

State Executive Committee has been established vide government notification no. 1597 dated 25.06.08 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Bihar. Development Commissioner of Bihar, Principal Secretary Finance and Principal Secretary Water Resource Department are the members of this committee. Principal Secretary Disaster Management Department is the convener of this committee.

SEC decides on all matters connected with financing of relief expenditure of immediate nature from SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund). It ensures that the money drawn from the SDRF is actually utilized for the purpose for which SDRF has been setup.

Notification no. 1597 dated 25.06.08 is attached as annexure-5.

NDRF (National Disaster Response Force)

The 9th battalion of NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) is established at Bihta, Patna. Govt. of Bihar has provided 75 acres of land for the establishment of NDRF battalion. The NDRF battalion consists of

specialized teams trained to respond in various types of natural, manmade and non natural disasters. There are 1149 personnel organized in 18 teams



comprising of 45 personnel well equipped and trained for rendering effective response in any threatening disaster situation or disaster. The Govt. of Bihar has provided 75 acres of land for NDRF head quarter in Bihta, Patna.

SDRF (State Disaster Response Force)

For effective and prompt response during any event a battalion of SDRF has been raised on the pattern of NDRF. SDRF is a new Force, controlled/ Governed by the department of Disaster Management, constituted on the pattern of NDRF vide Government order dated **16.03.2010**. Total



strength of SDRF is 1157, 6 companies and 18 specialist response teams. SDRF personnel are retired officers and

men of Indian Army/ Navy & selected on deputation basis from Officers/Men working in Bihar Military Police/ Bihar Home Guard (Special Battalion)/ Bihar district Armed Police/ CPMF. 25 acres of land has been acquired at Bihta (Patna) for SDRF Head quarters , the construction work is on.

The government resolution and notification are attached here as Annexure-6.