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Letter No. - 1Pra.AA-31/2011/...³⁶⁸⁸...../D.M.
Govt. of Bihar
Disaster Management Department

From,

Vyas Ji,
Principal Secretary

To,

Shri G.V. V. Sarma,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management),
Lok Nayak Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Patna-15, dated- 10/10/14

Subject : Requisition of 20 NDRF Teams for preventing and managing disaster during Kartic Chhatt festival 2014 in Bihar.

Sir

The famous Kartic Chhatt festival is going to be celebrated during 28th to 30th October 2014. On this occasion large number of devotees along with their family members and friends, congregate on the banks of rivers and big ponds. In the past, many drowning incidents have taken place in various parts of the state during such congregations. This year, in view of the disaster situation which arose in the wake of Dussehra & Vijya Dashmi celebrations in Patna and several other districts of Bihar, we have assessed the likely disaster scenarios during observation of Kartic Chhatt in the State. The possibilities of manmade disaster cannot be ruled out in 12 (twelve) districts located on the banks of river Ganges/ Kosi/ Gandak and some districts where such congregation takes place at bigger ponds. Such districts are Patna (Where maximum congregation of devotees takes place), Buxar, Bhojpur, Munger, Bhagalpur, Katihar, all located on the banks of river Ganges; Khagaria, located on the bank of Kosi/ Ganges; Vaishali, Gopalganj and Muzaffarpur, all located on the banks of river Gandak; Saran some parts of which are located on the bank of river Gandak and some on the bank of river Ganges/Ghagra, and Aurangabad where lakhs of people congregate at a sun temple and celebrate Chhatt on the bank of a very large pond. Hence, close vigil is required during celebration of Kartic Chhatt in these districts to prevent and manage disasters and drowning incidents. Accordingly, we require deputation of the NDRF teams in these districts.

2. We have reviewed requirement and availability of NDRF and SDRF teams in the state. Based on past experience and likely congregation, we require 12 NDRF teams to cover more than 100 ghats of river Ganges in Patna, one team of NDRF each in Buxar, Bhojpur, Vaisali and Bhagalpur and two NDRF teams to cover ghats of river Gandak, Ganges and Ghaghra in Saran. Two NDRF teams are required to be kept reserved to meet bigger contingency situations arising in remaining districts of Bihar. Thus we require 20 NDRF teams to cover these 6 districts alone. We have 6 teams of SDRF in the state which would be deployed in remaining 6 districts i.e. Begusarai, Muzaffarpur, Khagaria, Munger, Aurangabad and Gopalganj.

It is, therefore, requested to depute 20 NDRF teams (11 additional teams of NDRF from outside and 9 NDRF teams available in Bihta) for three days i.e., from 28.10.2014 to 30.10.2014.

A prompt reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

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(Vyas Ji)

Principal Secretary

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Copy to : D.G., NDRF, New Delhi and Secretary, NDMA, New Delhi for Information and needful action. It is requested for deputation of 20 NDRF teams as required.

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