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East Block-VII, Level-7,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi-66

Dated the May 10, 2011


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Minutes of the meeting of Civil Defence Joint Planning Staff Committee held on 20th April, 2011 in the Conference Room of DGCD, East Block-VII, Level-7, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110 066.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting of Civil Defence Joint Planning Staff Committee held on 20th April, 2011 in the Conference Room, East Block-VII, Level-7, R.K.Puram, New Delhi for follow up actions.

2. The nominated officers/ representatives of Ministries and independent departments concerned, who were not present in the above meeting, are also requested to take necessary action for adopting Civil Defence measures in respect of the their offices, establishments and industries etc under them in the light of clarification contained in these minutes.

3. Please acknowledge the receipt.


(Raj Kumar)
Asstt. Director General (CD)
Tel. 011- 2671 1893

To

All the members of Civil Defence Joint Planning Staff Committee

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

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| 1. PPS to DG NDRF & CD | } for information please |
| 2. PS to IG NDRF & CD | |

3. Joint Secretary (Admn), _____ for information and to request to kindly furnish the details of nominated officer(not below the rank of Deputy Secretary) in the prescribed proforma forwarded earlier vide this Ministry letter of even number dated 21.02.2011.

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Minutes of Joint Planning Staff Committee Meeting held on
20th April, 2011 under the Chairmanship of
Shri Rajiv, IPS, DG NDRF & CD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Joint Planning Staff Committee Meeting was held on 20th April, 2011. The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajiv, IPS, Director General NDRF & Civil Defence. The list of officer members who attended the meeting is placed at appendix 'A'.

2. At the outset DG NDRF & CD welcomed all participants including the special invitee. He informed the house that this meeting was being held after a long interval of 8 years as the previous meeting was held in 2003. Since most of the participating members were new and were attending the meeting probably for first time, it was felt appropriate that ADG(CD) gives out the salient features of Civil Defence and the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Government of India to revamp the Civil Defence set up in the country. The DG NDRF & CD stated that the aim and objective of this meeting was to take stock of the realities existing at the ground level, to remove the shortcomings, if any, and to take steps which are essential to strengthen the Civil Defence organization. The DG NDRF & CD apprised the members that as per Civil Defence Act 1968 the Civil Defence of the country is to be organized as an integral part of the defence of the country. Since there have been no wars since 1971 and the probability of having a full-fledged war with our neighbors, though cannot be ruled out but is very low due to the existing global geo-political scenario. Considering the changed global geo-political scenario and steadily increasing threats from natural and manmade disasters, the Government of India has envisaged greater role on the part of the Civil Defence organization from merely hostile act-centric responsibility to a holistic role during all types of emergency situations including disasters. With this in view the Civil Defence Act 1968 has been amended to include the disaster management as an additional role of the Civil Defence in January 2010.

3. The DG NDRF & CD expressed his gratitude to all the representatives of Ministries and the special invitee for having spared their valuable time for this meet and expressed hope that active participation of all the members would guide the meet in the

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right directions to achieve the desired goals to strengthen and invigorate the Civil Defence set up in our country, he then requested ADG(CD) to continue the proceedings of the meeting further.

4. Shri Raj Kumar, ADG(CD) gave a brief on the role of MHA and the office of Directorate General Civil Defence and highlighted the salient features of the Civil Defence Act, aim and role of the Civil Defence, the CD organization at State / district level, training and financial policy governing the activities of Civil Defence. Thereafter ADG(CD) briefly touched upon the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the revamping of Civil Defence set up in the country giving its objective, components of the scheme budgetary allocation and the desired outputs of the scheme at the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

5. Responsibilities of various Ministries with regard to Civil Defence were discussed in details with the members. Representatives of some of the Ministries pointed out certain issues pertaining to the Ministries which are as under :-

(a) Members from Agricultural Ministry – Member raised a point that the responsibility with respect to procurement of foodstuffs, storage and distribution of foodstuffs is not the responsibility of Ministry of Agriculture. This responsibility may kindly be given to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The Chairman directed ADG(CD) to look into the matter and recommend re-distribution of responsibilities in an appropriate manner.

Action by : ADG(CD)

(b) Ministry of Civil Aviation – Member stated that the responsibility in respect of the meteorology organisation and observatories including weather service to be given to Ministry of Earth and Science. The Chairman directed ADG(CD) to look into the matter and recommend re-distribution of responsibilities in an appropriate manner.

Action by : ADG(CD)

(c) Ministry of Road & Transport and Ministry of Shipping – The members stated that the control of transport, road and shipping are the State subjects and the States have to take actions with respect to Civil Defence measures during time of emergencies and the concerned Ministries do not have direct jurisdiction on the subject. The Chairman suggested that the suitable guidelines / advisories on the action to be taken by the State Governments with respect to the Civil Defence should be issued by the concerned Ministries.

Action by : Concerned Ministries

(d) Ministry of Heavy Industries – Member stated that the PSUs / important industries under the Ministry have their own security set up and it may not be desirable to have CD organization in these PSUs / industries. Director NCDC informed the house that the Bhilai Steel Plant has a very vibrant CD organization and they regularly send their personnel for training to NCDC, Nagpur. Their model can be studied and if found suitable may be adopted by the PSUs/ industries.

Action by : Concerned Ministries

(e) General point Raised by all members – The curriculum of the training calendar comprising the details of training courses conducted at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur be circulated to all the Ministries. The Chairman directed that copy of training calendar to be sent to all the Ministries along with the minutes of this meeting.

Action by : ADG(CD)

(f) Shri G.S. Saini, Director, NCDC (special invitee) proposed that the existing regional and town Civil Defence Control Centres in the Civil Defence districts / towns may be augmented to be used as Control Centres for disasters management also. The Director (DM-III) informed the members that the Emergency Operation Centres for disaster managements at the Centre and State level have been networked and should remain separated from the Civil Defence

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Control Centres at district / town level. After detailed deliberation by the members, the Director General NDRF & CD suggested that at State / district / town level control Centres for Civil Defence and disaster management should function separately but they should have a lateral link (hotline) to share all important information in the times of emergencies. Necessary decision in this regard may be taken by MHA (DM Division).

Action by : MHA (DM Division)

(g) Ministry of Communication & Information Technology – DG NDRF & CD impressed upon the need to utilize the revolutionary changes in the mobile communication technology to speedily disseminate warnings / advisories during the times of emergency situations. The advisory / guidelines should be issued to all mobile service providers to give highest priority to transmission of bulk messages to all their existing customers in Hindi, English and regional languages in the affected area as and when approached by the Civil Defence Authorities.

Action by : Ministry of Communication & Information Technology

6. Points for discussion:-

(a) Revision of General Principles of Civil Defence (GPCD) and Master Plan Civil Defence (MPCD). ADG(CD) stated that the GPCD and MPCD were last revised in 2003. Introduction of disaster management as an additional role of Civil Defence by amendment of Civil Defence Act 1968, also merits revision of the GPCD and MPCD accordingly. (There have been significant changes in socio-economic and geo-political scenario during last decade and these changes need to be factored into the CD Plans both at Centre and State level.) Moreover, the CD Plans pertaining to disaster management need to be in harmony with the policies / guidelines issued by NDMA. Therefore, it is proposed that a committee be constituted with the Director National Civil Defence College Nagpur as the Chairman with members from Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, NCDC Nagpur and DGCD, MHA. The committee to submit recommendations for revision of

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GPCD and MPCD by 31st October 2011. DG NDRF & CD agreed to the proposal.

Action by : ADG(CD)

(b) Formulation of Civil Defence Plans - Ministries / Departments of Government of India are required to revise the Civil Defence Plans in accordance with the guidelines contained in the revised GPCD and the MPCD to be issued later this year, by the office of DGCD, MHA. It is requested that on receipt of the revised GPCD and MPCD all Ministries / Departments of Government of India should constitute a sub-committee to formulate/ revise CD Plans in respect of the CD measures to be adopted in establishments / plants / key industries / PSUs under their control.

Action by : Concerned Ministries

(c) Utilisation of vacancies on training courses - Several courses are conducted at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur, College of Military Engineering Pune and Central Training Institute Bangaluru, where vacancies are allocated to the CD organization of the States/ UTs and various establishments under Ministries / Departments of Government of India. It is emphasized that the vacancies allocated for any course in these above institutions should be fully utilized. In case of inability to utilize the vacancy for any reason whatsoever, timely intimation to be given to the office of DGCD so that vacancy can be reallocated to some other States / UTs / Ministries.

Action by : Concerned Ministries

7. The Director General NDRF & CD appreciated the active participation of all the members in the deliberations / discussion on various issues and thanked all the participants for having contributed immensely. He expected that this meeting will result in charting plan of action to be followed which will help in achieving the desired goal of revamping of Civil Defence set up in the Country.

APPENDIX 'A'List of Participants of Joint Planning Staff Committee Meeting

Shri Rajiv, IPS
DG NDRF & CD
DGCD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Chairman

Shri Mukul Goel
IG NDRF & CD
DGCD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri Raj Kumar
ADG(CD/ Comm)
DGCD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri P.V. D. Prasada Rao
Director
Ministry of Agriculture

Brig. A. Mazumdar
Director (S&C), BARC
Deptt. of Atomic Energy

Shri Sanjay Agarwal
Director (DM-III)
Ministry of Home Affairs

Dr. Niloy Roy
C.M.O. (NFSG), EMR Divn.
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Shri S.K. Agrawal
Director
Ministry of I& B

Shri Ashok Naura
Director (T)
Ministry of Communication & IT

Sh. P.N. Prasad
Director
Ministry of Science & Technology

Sh. C.O. Rajan
Dy. Secretary
Ministry of Law & Justice
(Deptt. of Legal Affairs)

Shri Manjit Kumar
Dy. Secretary
Ministry of Heavy Industries and
Public Enterprises (Deptt. of Heavy Industries)

Shri Nandan Singh
Dy. Secretary
Ministry of Road Transport & Highway

Shri V.K. Sharma
Dy. Secretary
Ministry of Shipping

Shri Sunil Prakash
Dy. Secretary
Ministry of Steel

Mrs. Sushila Anauth
Under Secretary
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Shri A.D. Roy
Under Secretary
Ministry of I & B

Col. B.B. Pande
Project Director
DGCD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri G.S. Saini
Director
NCDC, Ministry of Home Affairs

Shri G.S. Gaur
JSO (CD)
DGCD, Ministry of Home Affairs

Special Invitee