

Ministry of Home Affairs

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released National Disaster Management Plan, 2016** in New Delhi (1.6.2016). This is the first ever national plan prepared in the country. The NDMP has been aligned broadly with the goals and priorities set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- **Implementation of CCTNS Project:** The Cabinet approved the extension of Crimes and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) project till March 2017 and also revamped the Project to include computerisation of Prisons and implementation of interoperable Criminal Justice System by linking CCTNS, E Prisons, e Courts, Prosecution and Forensic laboratories.
- MHA has initiated steps for setting up **Nationwide Emergency Response System (NERS)** having “112” as the emergency number which can be dialed from anywhere in the country by anyone to seek police assistance. People from any geographic region in the country will be able to access this emergency system through number of channels like landline phone, mobile phone, e-mail, SMS, Chatting, Voice over Internet, Internet of Things, etc. which will give them a range of options suitable to the people in different situations. Request for proposal for selection of IT Service provider to implement National Emergency Response System (NERS) funded under Nirbhaya Fund was issued. DOT allocated emergency number ‘112’ for this service. Guidelines for implementation of NERS by the States/UTs have been issued.
- **Enhancement delegation of powers to DGs of CAPFs etc.:** Financial powers to DGs/Director of CAPFs/IB/NIA for works has been enhanced vide MHA order dated 16.07.2015 from Rs.25.00 lakh to Rs.50.00 lakh in case of Minor Works for Residential Buildings and Rs.15.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore for execution of Works Departmentally. Full power has been delegated to the DGs/Dir. for sanction of new lines as well as all payment for lease lines and landline telephone with one India Plan. Financial powers to DG/Director of CAPFs for Technical sanction of works has been enhanced vide MHA order dated 10.08.2015 from Rs.60.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore.
- **Increase in the provision of vital border infrastructure:** There has been a marked increase in the provision of vital border infrastructure such as provision of fencing, floodlighting and roads as well as construction of Border Out Post (BoPs) for the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) along the different International Borders. Under the BADP there has been an increase in the provision of essential social infrastructure relating to education, health, connectivity and provision of means of livelihood for the Border population of the 17 Bordering States.
- **33% reservation for women in direct recruitment in Non-Gazetted posts from Constable to Sub-Inspector in Police Forces of UTs:** On 20th March, 2015, Government of India has approved reservation of 33% for

women horizontally and in each category (SC, ST, OBC & others) in direct recruitment in Non-Gazetted posts from Constable to Sub-Inspector in the police forces of all the Union Territories including Delhi Police. This reservation will be available for women against all future vacancies.

- **Raising of Mahila Battalions in CAPFs:** Considering the increased demand of women police in tackling law & order situations and also to raise the level of representation of women in the Force, Government has approved to raise 2 Mahila battalions in place of 2 male Battalions sanctioned for raising during 2015-16 and 2016-17 in CRPF.
- **Cabinet approved raising of 17 Indian Reserve Battalions by J&K and LWE States.** (27.1.2016). Local youths will be recruited. To achieve this, the States will relax the age and educational criteria, if required. In respect of the 05 IR Bns to be raised by J&K, 60% of the vacancies will be filled from the border districts of J&K for the posts of constables and class IV. For LWE states, 75% of the vacancies of constables will be filled up from 27 core districts under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme.
- **Decline in LWE incidents:** The declining trend in the quantum of violence relating to Left Wing Extremism (LWE) as well as the resultant killing, which started in 2011 (1,760 incidents/611 killings) has continued in 2015 (1006 incidents/213 killings). This marks a 42% decrease in the number of incidents and 46% decrease in the number of deaths in 2015 as compared to 2011. While number of incidents remained more or less same in 2015 (till 30 November) as compared to the corresponding period of 2014 (1006 in 2015/1004 in 2014), resultant deaths of civilians and security forces decreased by 22.8% (213 in 2015/276 in 2014).
- **Rs.1000 crores allocated to LWE affected states** (6.1.2016). The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh approved the State wise allocation of Additional Central Assistance of Rs.1000 crores to 35 worst LWE affected districts in seven states.
- **Cabinet approved Rehabilitation Package for Displaced Families from Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Chhamb under the Prime Minister's Development Package for J&K, 2015** (30.11.2016). The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi approved Central Assistance of Rs. 2000 crore for 36,384 displaced families from Pakistan occupied areas of Jammu & Kashmir (POJK) and Chhamb following an announcement of Prime Minister's Development Package for Jammu & Kashmir-2015 in November, 2015. As per the package, Rs. 5.5 lakh cash benefit per family will be disbursed to the displaced families to enable them to earn an income and subsist their livelihood. The amount will be released to the State Government of J&K to be disbursed to eligible families through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- **Creation of a cell in MHA to address grievances of Jammu & Kashmir people** (30.8.2016). The Ministry of Home Affairs nominated Director in J&K

Division as the Nodal Officer for grievances relating to J&K persons, particularly students residing outside the State.

- **Civilian victims of cross border firing to get a compensation of Rs 5 lakh.** (12.7.2016). The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh approved that the civilian victims of cross border firing along the border will be given a compensation of Rs 5 lakh. Any civilian who dies anywhere in the country due to terror attack, naxal violence, firing from across the border, shelling or IED explosion, will be given Rs 5 lakh as compensation uniformly.
- **Enhancement of Honorarium in respect of SPOs of Jammu & Kashmir** to Rs. 6000 per month (1.1.2016). The Ministry of Home Affairs has enhanced the honorarium of Special Police Officers (SPOs) of Jammu and Kashmir upto Rs. 6000 per month from Rs. 3000 per month. The enhancement of honorarium is effective from 1.1.2016
- **Government approved subsidized helicopter services in J&K and Himachal Pradesh** (9.9.2016). The Government accorded its approval for operation of helicopter services in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh on a pilot basis in 10 sectors, as per the stipulation that the most inaccessible destination points should be chosen.
- **Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF):** In Order to strengthen the Victim Compensation Scheme launched by States/UTs, 'Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF)' has been sanctioned and Guidelines for Operating CVCF circulated among the States/ UTs. A decision has been taken to assist victims of acid attack by giving them additional upto Rs.5.00 lakh for treatment purpose through the CVCF. A cashless treatment scheme for victims of acid attack is being worked.
- **Cabinet approved the facilities being extended to persons residing in India on Long Term Visa** (13.7.2016). The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved facilities being extended to persons from Minority communities of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, namely Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians staying on Long Term Visa (LTV) in India. The move is aimed at easing out the difficulties being faced by them and includes the following benefits:- opening of bank account, permission for purchase of property for self-occupation and suitable accommodation for carrying out self-employment, permission to take self-employment, issue of driving licence, PAN card and Aadhaar number, allowing free movement within the State /UT where they are staying, transfer of LTV papers from one state to other etc.
- **Short term Yoga programmes included in Tourist Visa and e-Tourist Visa** (2.6.2016).
- **Visa on Arrival for Japanese nationals from March 1, 2016** (29.2.2016). As announced by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Visa on Arrival for Japanese nationals launched from 1st March, 2016. This facility can be availed for the purposes of business, tourism, conference and medical.

Validity of this visa after entry will be for a period of 30 days. About 1.80 lakh Japanese nationals visit India every year on various kinds of visas. Business and Tourist Visas constitute around 78% of these.

- **Tourist Visa norms eased for people of Bangladesh above 65 years of age** (19.8.2016). The Government of India has decided to increase the duration of tourist visa from one year to five years having multiple entry facility for the people of Bangladesh above 65 years of age.
- **Enactment of Citizenship Amendment Bill 2015:** Citizenship Amendment Act, 2015 was enacted on 11.03.2015 facilitating merger of PIO and OCI cards and easier acquisition of Indian Citizenship.
- **Streamlining Foreign Contribution Regulation (FCRA) Registration:** New FCRA Portal launched on 14th December, 2015 which provides complete online processing of FCRA applications for Registration/ Prior Permission/ Foreign hospitality. It enhances transparency, smart monitoring of application process, efficient and time-bound mechanism for disposal of various services under FCRA 2010 and FCRR (Foreign Contribution Regulation Rules), 2011.
- **Home Minister level bilateral talks between India and Bangladesh held in New Delhi** (28.7.2016). The Bangladesh delegation was led by the Home Minister Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan and Indian delegation by Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. Speedy operationalisation of three bilateral MoUs; Effective implementation of coordinated border management plan; Bilateral Extradition Treaty amended to make it more effective.
- **Signing and Ratification of the BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters** (10.3.2016). The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the signing and ratification of the Bay of Bengal Initiative on Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. The Ministry of Home Affairs has been designated as the Central Authority under Article 15 of the Convention. The BIMSTEC comprises of seven countries viz., Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- **Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressed the 7th Meeting of SAARC Ministers of Interior/Home, held in Islamabad, Pakistan** (4.8.2016). The prominent items on the Agenda were terrorism, smuggling of narcotic drugs, cyber crime and human trafficking. Most of the participating nations strongly condemned terrorism in all its manifestations.
- **Government of India and NSCN issue Joint Communiqué** (12.8.2016). The political initiative of the Government of India and NSCN to amicably resolve the Naga political issue has received a new urgency and impetus during the last two years. The talks have become more purposeful, less ritualistic, more forthright and far more frequent.
- **Suspension of Operations Agreement with NDFB (P) extended.** (23.6.2016). A meeting of Joint Monitoring Group consisting of

representatives of Government of India, Government of Assam and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (Progressive) was held. After discussions, it was agreed to extend Suspension of Operations for a period of six months upto December 31, 2016.

- **Safety of North-East People:** To augment representation of North-East People in the Special Unit for North East people in Delhi Police, necessary provisions / amendment in the Standing order regarding recruitment to the post of Constable (Exe.) (Male / Female) has been incorporated by Delhi Police. Currently, the following recruitment process for North-East People are going on.
- **Enemy Property Ordinance, 2016 promulgated** (8.1.2016). The President of India promulgated the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Ordinance, 2016 on January 07, 2016 to make amendments to the Enemy Property Act, 1968. The amendments will plug the loopholes in the Act to ensure that the enemy properties that have been vested in the Custodian remain so and they do not revert back to the enemy subject or enemy firm.
- **MoS (Home) Shri Kiren Rijiju addressed the First Asian S&T Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), held in Bangkok, Thailand** (24.8.2016). Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju, a UN designated Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for the Asia Region, attended the First Asian Science and Technology Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction held at Bangkok in Thailand.
- **Disaster Management:** During 2014-15, the country faced number of major disasters including cyclone HUDHUD in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha floods and landslides in Jammu and Kashmir, landslides in Malingaon, Pune district, floods in different parts of the country including Assam and Meghalaya. The Government of India has played a proactive role in supporting the State Governments to deal with such disasters, and provided all possible help to the concerned State Governments to manage such disasters, which have restricted the loss of human lives to minimum. The annual SAARC Disaster Management Exercise was held for the first time in India during 23-26th November, 2015, in which all the SAARC countries participated. It was followed by the SAARC Regional Workshop on sharing best practices and to deliberate upon the outcomes of SAADMEx 2015 on 27th November, 2015. High Level Committee (HLC) meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Union Home Minister for Central Assistance to different States in respect of disaster response activities such as drought and floods.
- **NDMA coordinated response and relief after Manipur Earthquake** (4.1.2016). An earthquake of 6.7 magnitude occurred in District Tamenglong, Manipur state on 4.12.2016. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) immediately took action and started coordinating with the State Governments and other agencies. On 5.1.2016, the Cabinet Secretary Shri P.

K. Sinha chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee to take stock of ongoing Relief operations in Manipur.

- **Union Home Minister approved New Prison Manual 2016** (21.1.2016), which aims at bringing in basic uniformity in laws, rules and regulations governing the administration of prisons and the management of prisoners all over the country.
- **Human Trafficking: Operation Muskaan and Operation Smile:** Home Ministry in close coordination with the State Governments took up two specific campaigns 'Operation Smile' during January 2015 and 'Operation Muskaan' in July 2015 to rescue missing children and reunite them with their parents. Operation Smile-II during January 2016 was executed by all the states.
- **MoS (Home) Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir reviewed the developmental projects in Daman & Diu** during his visit to the Union Territory on December 17, 2016. During the visit, MoS (Home) Shri Ahir inaugurated the Coastal Police Station at Kadaiya.
- **'Himmat' App:** With a view to instill confidence in women, to help women in distress and to ensure their safety in Delhi, Ministry of Home Affairs has approved launching of the Mobile App 'Himmat' by Delhi Police on 1st January, 2015. This application helps women to raise SOS alert in case of any emergency and the same gets reported along with victim/ caller location in real time at Police Control Room and the nearest PCR Van and local police can be rushed to the spot.
- **Web-based App for Police Clearance Certificate:** With a view to curb human interface, to ensure transparency in police functioning and to provide efficient and time-bound services to the people of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Police has taken the significant step of launching a web-based App. for 'Police Clearance Certificate' (PCC) on 08.08.2014. This is one of the significant steps towards providing citizen-centric services.
