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Rush/Earthquake

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Subject : Earthquake of 26th January, 2001 in Gujarat and many parts of India.

A severe Earthquake of 6.9 magnitude occurred around 9.00 am on 26th January,2001 with epicenter at 20 K.M. North-East of Bhuj. Its impact has been felt in various parts of the Country. Gujarat has been affected very severely. As per available information from Police Control Room of Gujarat, the extent of damage is as under: -

Gujarat	Number of persons	
	Dead	Injured
Ahmedabad city -	417	708
Ahmedabad rural -	10	27
Amreli -	10	12
Anand -	1	10
Baroda rural -	1	41
Baroda-	1	211
Bharuch -	9	33
Bhavnagar -	2	29
Bhuj -	5000	10000
Gandhinagar -	3	7
Jamnagar -	100	798
Junagadh -	8	75
Kheda	0	17
Mehsana	0	41
Navsari	12	17
Palanpur -	28	59
Patan -	29	191
Porbandar -	9	72
Rajkot city -	7	219
Rajkot rural -	303	1220
Saberkantha-	3	-
Surat city -	42	128
Surat rural -	1	4
Surendranagar -	83	761
Western Railway(Baroda) -	9	42-
Total:	6072	14512

Bhuj, Ahmedabad city, Rajkot and Patan are worst affected.

Damage to public Old Railway bridge connecting Bharuch with Bombay properties reported some cracks; traffic was stopped.and now being ressumed shortly.

CENTRAL EFFORTS

Management

- DAC Control room functioning round the clock and coordinating relief.

- The Prime Minister held a Cabinet Meeting on 26th January, 2001 to review earthquake situation in Gujarat.
- A High Level Team headed by Home Minister left for Gujarat on 26th January, 2001 afternoon to assess the damage and help rescue activities.
- A high level team led by Raksha Mantri reached Gujarat on 27th January , 2001 early morning to assess the relief and rescue operations.
- JS (NDM) & Additional Central Relief Commissioner from DAC camped at Bhuj to supervise relief/rehabilitation.
- Cabinet Secretary held a meeting of Crisis Management Committee(CMC) on 26th January, 2001 to assess the damage and help relief and rescue operations in the State.
- NDM Control Room of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation made functional round the clock.
- Cabinet Secretary held another meeting of Crisis Management Committee (CMC) on 27th January, 2001 at 1100 hours as well as 1700 hours and reviewed the situation.
- Secretary (A&C), briefed the Press at 1900 hours on 27th January, 2001 about the relief/rescue operations carried out by various agencies.
- The review meeting of NCMC was held at 1100 hours on 28-01-2001.

Defence

- Armed Force deployed for relief in a big way for rescue, relief and medical help.
- Air force carrying relief/rescue material and trained personnel to Gujarat
- 16 helicopters are located in the vicinity of Bhuj. These are being used effectively for relief/rescue operations and evacuation of injured persons..

Border Security Force (BSF):

- Para military personnel including Officers & medical officers, para-medical personnel and jawans reached Mani Nagar Colony in Ahmedabad.
- Relief material comprising heavy vehicles, tent, tarpauline, tent store, water tankers etc., sent to Bhuj and Ahmedabad on 26.1.2001.
- All BSF units in Gujarat directed to provide needful assistance, tentage, medicines and water tankers.

Central Industrial Security Force(CISF):

- One Team of 10 rescue personnel of CISF deployed at Bhuj.
- 3 Coy of CISF deployed at Bhuj.
- One Team of 17 communication personnel posted at Bhuj.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- 7 Coys of CRPF also comprising RAF PERSONNEL alongwith relief material and 2 doctors alongwith medicines, health-kit reached Gujarat.
- All Coys in Gujarat directed to provide all necessary assistance in relief/rehabilitation work of State Government.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- 4000 Blankets, 150 tents and other materials were arranged for assistance to earthquake affected people.

FOOD

- Deptt. of Food and Public Distribution issued orders for release of 1 lakh tonnes of wheat and 10,000 tonnes of levy sugar to Gujarat.
- 11.1 MTs food packets sent to Bhuj by Food Corporation of India.
- Hindustan Zinc also supplying food packets..

CLOTHING AND TENTS

- 36,000 blankets air lifted to Gujarat
- Arrangements are also under way to air lift additional 90,000 blankets immediately.
- Arrangements are being made for additional tents to Ahmedabad/Bhuj.

- In addition truckloads of relief material including blankets sent by Govt. of Karnataka.

MEDICAL

- Union Minister for Health, Secretary (Health) and Additional Director General (Health Services) visited Gujarat on 27th January, 2001.
- Central Team consisting of 20 doctors, officers of Department of Telecom and Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and IMD reached Bhuj at 1900 hours on 26.01.2001 carrying relief material.
- One Team of 10 doctors from Govt. of Haryana reached Bhuj on 27th.
- 17 doctors from PGI, Chandigarh and 10 medical personnel from Safdarjung Hospital reached for medical assistance.
- 30 doctors on 26th January and 70 doctors on 27th January reached by air for Bhuj, from Maharashtra.
- Supply of medicines in large quantities arranged.
- 12 doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi reaching Gujarat today.
- State Governments of Karnataka have sent medical/para-medical personnel by Air. In addition truckloads of relief material including blankets sent to Gujarat.
- Ministry of Health have sent a special team to check any out break of epidemic.

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RAILWAYS

- It was decided that Railways will start running special trains for evacuation of injured persons.
- Railway goods shelters can be used as shelters for earthquake affected people.
- One bogey of first class coach will be stationed at Bhuj where the doctors and other relief persons sent to the site can be accommodated. Food arrangements through vendors, NGOs etc., being arranged.

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OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTS

- State Government of Maharashtra has informed that some private hospitals in Mumbai are willing to treat the injured persons free of cost. Arrangements are being tied up by the State Governments to air lift such injured persons to Mumbai by Defence Planes carrying relief/rescue material Mumbai to Gujarat in their return trips.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

- Governments of Russia, Japan, Germany, Turkey, Britain, Switzerland and Republic of Korea expressed their heart felt condolences on the deaths and destruction caused due to earthquake in Gujarat and shown their wiliness to help providing relief and rescue material and trained personnel to help the earthquake affected people of Gujarat.
- Government of Turkey has offered to send a search and rescue team consisting of 35 persons, 10 tonnes of rescue equipments and 1 tonnes of medicines to Ahmedabad to help the earthquake relief efforts. Team landed at Ahmedabad on 28th January, 2001.
- Government of Britain has offered to send a team consisting of 69 specialist and 4 search dogs, relief material consisting of three cars, two trucks, two 35 seat coaches, 10 translators, 2000 lt bottled water, 500 lt unleaded fuel and 50 anti Malaria tablets to assist the rescue operations. Team landed at Ahmedabad 27th January, 2001.
- Government of Switzerland has offered 45 persons and One Swiss team with sniffer dogs which arrived at Ahmedabad on 27th January, 2001.
- Government of Japan has donated 0.25 million US \$ in kind for relief and rescue operations and 0.75 million US \$ to the Prime Minister Relief Fund.
- Government of Germany has offered to sending a team of 20 specialist alongwith their equipments to assist the rescue operations.
- Russia has offered a professional rescue team comprising 73 personnel and equipments, and team has reached on 28.01.2001.
- Government of the Slovak Republic and Republic of Korea and Malaysia have offered assistance by special rescue teams for relief works and special slippers team with special trained dogs for detection

and search ruins.

- Govt. of France has offered assistance of 40 member medical personnel with 10.5 MT medical equipments.

SUMMARY ASSISTANCE AT A GLANCE:

- 711 medical personnel deployed, and 30 more are ready.
- Rescue teams consisting of 5161 personnel already deployed and 840 persons moving for deployment
- 1.10 lakh MT food grains sanctioned.
- 36000 blankets already sent while 92000 on its way.
- 10800 tent already provided and 2450 more on its way.
- 340 beds, 4 ambulances, 100 stretchers and 11.5 tons medicines (including bandages, cotton, IV fluids, blood units) already provided while 3 more ambulances are on its way.
- 16 debris clearing equipment, 3 recovery vehicles, 15 earthmovers and 10 tons of rescue equipment already provided.

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