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**Rush/Earthquake**

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**Ministry of Agriculture**

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**Subject : Earthquake of 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 in Gujarat and many parts of India.**

A severe Earthquake of 6.9 magnitude occurred around 9.00 am on 26<sup>th</sup> 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	553	755
Ahmedabad rural	10	27
Amreli	12	12
Anand	1	10
Baroda rural	1	41
Baroda	1	211
Bharuch	9	33
Bhavnagar	2	29
Bhuj	5065	10925
Gandhinagar	3	7
Jamnagar	100	798
Junagadh	8	75
Kheda	0	17
Mehsana	0	41
Navsari	16	17
Palanpur	32	59
Patan	34	276
Porbandar	9	72
Rajkot city	7	219
Rajkot rural	303	1220
Saberkanta	3	-
Surat city	46	141
Surat rural	1	4
Surendranagar	83	761
Western Railway (Baroda)	5	42
Total:	6287	15481

## **Bhuj, Ahmedabad city, Rajkot and Jamnagar are worst affected.**

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

## **CENTRAL EFFORTS**

### **Management**

- **Prime Minister of India** is visiting the earth quake affected areas of Gujarat on 29.01.2001
- One IL 76 aircraft with 35 MT of relief material including wheel chairs, stretchers, medicines, water purifiers, fruits, etc has left for Bhuj at 0830 hours on 29-01-2001
- NDM Control Room of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation made functional round the clock.
- The Prime Minister held a Cabinet Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 to review earthquake situation in Gujarat.
- A High Level Team headed by Home Minister left for Gujarat on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 afternoon to assess the damage and help rescue activities.
- A high level team led by Raksha Mantri reached Gujarat on 27<sup>th</sup> January , 2001 early morning to assess the relief and rescue operations.
- JS (NDM) & Additional Central Relief Commissioner from DAC visited Bhuj to supervise relief/rehabilitation.
- Cabinet Secretary held a meeting of Crisis Management Committee(CMC) on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 to assess the damage and help relief and rescue operations in the State.
- Cabinet Secretary held another meeting of National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 at 1100 hours as well as 1700 hours and reviewed the situation.
- Secretary (A&C), briefed the Press at 1500 hours on 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Central Team consisting of 20 doctors, officers of Department of Telecom and Department of Agriculture and Co-operation and IMD reached Bhuj at 1900 hours on 26.01.2001 carrying relief material.

### **Defence**

- Armed Force deployed for relief in a big way for rescue, relief and medical help.
- 300 medical personnel , 4100 rescue teams/personnel deployed.
- 3000 blankets , 2310 tents and 340 beds and 4 ambulances sent.
- 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 deployed at Bhuj, 03 coys Ahmedabad, 01 coy at Morvi and 02 coys at Kandla and 01 coy at Mehsana.
- 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 MT of wheat and 10,000 MT of levy sugar to Gujarat.
- 11.1 MTs food packets sent to Bhuj by Food Corporation of India, 5.5 MT of FCI bread sent 28<sup>th</sup> January.
- Hindustan Zinc also supplying food packets.

**CLOTHING AND TENTS**

- 63,000 blankets air lifted to Gujarat
- Arrangements are also under way to air lift additional 1,65,000 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.
- 674 CII blankets sent on 28<sup>th</sup> January , 2001.
- 1 lakh blankets from Amritsar being sent.

**MEDICAL**

- 60 doctors and 4 para –medics central medical teams from DGHS,Dr. RML and Safdarjung hospitals, AIIMS,PGI,Chandigarh sent on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

January,2001.

- 5 Public Health Specialists from NICD & NAMP to check the out-break of any epidemic.
- Union Minister for Health, Secretary (Health) and Additional Director General (Health Services) visited Gujarat on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2001. .
- One Team of 10 doctors from Govt. of Haryana reached Bhuj on 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 30 doctors on 26<sup>th</sup> January and 70 doctors on 27<sup>th</sup> January reached by air for Bhuj, from Maharashtra.
- 12 doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi reaching Gujarat today.
- Medicines , disposable syringes etc. , IV fluids, dressing items, sent from Dr. RML Hospital, CGHS , Safdurjung Hospital, Lady Harding Medical College sent on 26<sup>th</sup> , 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2001.
- IRCS supplied 70 units of blood from Delhi, 35,000 blankets, 100 stretchers, 900 sweaters(from Chennai).
- 10 beds each at RMLH , SJH, LHMC and 15 beds in AIIMS have been earmarked for special treatment of earthquake victims. Ambulances of these hospitals have been kept on alert to transport the patients.
- Evacuation of injured persons already started.
- Army and Navy established makeshift hospitals.
- 200 Conservancy staff from Mumbai being airlifted.
- A team of 37 doctors from Delhi along with medicine has left for Bhuj at 0830 hours on 29-01-2001.

#### **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.
- Rail route upto Gandhidham will be opened by 29<sup>th</sup> January evening.

#### **TELECOM**

- C-DOT Exchanges functional at Bhuj and Gandhidham .
- More C-DOT exchanges being put up.
- Telecom personnel alongwith telecom equipment , one exchange and V-SAT terminals already reached Gujrat.

#### **PETROLEUM**

- The requirement of HSD , Petrol and Kerosene are being made from Kandla.

#### **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.

- State Government of Karnataka has sent medical/para-medical personnel by Air. In addition truckloads of relief material including blankets sent to Gujarat.
- State Government of Rajasthan has sent 3 medical teams , 11 gas cutters, 5 JCBs/excavators and 9 cranes and 1 shovel to Bhuj. One heavy duty crane and 2 gas cutters sent to Ahmedabad. 63 trucks of food items, 3 trucks of clothes, 2 trucks of tentage/utensils and bedding , one truck carrying Rs 5 lakh worth tarpaulin (from CM's Relief Fund), 3 water tankers, 11,000 blankets, 2000 bottles mineral water sent to Bhuj. State Government has also given Rs 2 crores to the Gujarat Government for relief work which is in addition to increased assistance of Rs 50 lakhs from CM's Relief Fund.
- Governments of Punjab and Haryana have also sent huge relief materials which include blankets , tents etc.

#### **FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

- Governments of Russia, Japan, Germany, Turkey, Britain, Switzerland , Hungary, Oman, Algiers, France, Slovak Republic , Republic of Korea and others have expressed their heart felt condolences on the deaths and destruction caused due to earthquake in Gujarat and shown their willingness 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 MT of rescue equipments and 1 MT of medicines to Ahmedabad to help the earthquake relief efforts. Team landed at Ahmedabad on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.
- Government of Switzerland has offered 45 persons and One Swiss team with sniffer dogs which arrived at Ahmedabad on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 and the medical team. A rescue team of 9 personnel with sniffer dogs has left for Bhuj at 0830 hours on 29-01-2001.

- A rescue team with 12 personnel and 3 sniffer dogs and 7 MT of equipment has also left for Bhuj at 0830 hours on 29-01-2001.

**SUMMARY ASSISTANCE AT A GLANCE:**

- 711 medical personnel deployed, and 30 more are ready.
- Rescue teams consisting of 5161 army and para-military personnel already deployed and 840 persons moving for deployment
- 1.10 lakh MT food grains sanctioned.
- 63,000 blankets already sent while 1,65,000 on its way.
- 10,800 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.
- Defence Aircrafts IL 76 left Palam Airport at 1400 hours carrying 20 doctors from Ghaziabad , 1 truck of medicines, 5 DRDO scientists with one Tata Sumo vehicle, 2.5 MT FCI bread , 300 Kg biscuits and 2 army communication vehicles .
- Another defence aircraft left at 1800 hours carrying 20,000 red cross blankets, 674 CII blankets, 1 truckload of medicines , 3 MT of FCI bread, 1 truck load blankets from Haryana Government and 4 CISF trucks.

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