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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	687	748
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	89	1743
Western Railway (Baroda)	5	42
Total:	6444	16767

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 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 visited Bhuj to supervise relief/rehabilitation.
- Cabinet Secretary is holding daily meetings of Crisis Management Committee (CMC) since 26th January, 2001 to assess the damage and help relief and rescue operations in the State.
- Secretary (A&C) is briefing the Press regularly about the relief/rescue operations being carried out by various agencies.
- 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

- 300 medical personnel , 4100 rescue teams/personnel deployed by Armed Forces in a big way for rescue, relief and medical help.
- 3000 blankets , 2310 tents and 340 beds and 4 ambulances sent.
- 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):

- All BSF units in Gujarat directed to provide needful assistance, tentage, medicines and water tankers.
- Relief material comprising heavy vehicles, tent, tarpauline, tent store, water tankers etc., sent to Bhuj and Ahmedabad on 26.1.2001.

Central Industrial Security Force(CISF):

- Two Team of 10 rescue personnel and 17 communication 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.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

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

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- 4000 Blankets, 150 tents and other materials were arranged for assistance.

FINANCE

- Benefit of 100% deduction to donations made on or before 30th June 2001 to charitable institutions already registered with the Income-Tax Department is allowed subject to following of specific guidelines.
- Donations made to Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Chief Minister's Relief Fund of any State are already entitled to the benefit of 100% deduction from the income of the donor.
- The relief material supplied for earthquake victims is exempted from Customs/Excise Duty.

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.
- 16.6 MTs food packets sent to Bhuj by Food Corporation of India.
- Hindustan Zinc also supplying food packets.
- NAFED directed their Ahmedabad Branch to extend full support and cooperation. Jaipur Branch instructed to organise distribution of Rice, Daal and Atta packets in severely affected areas in/around Bhuj.

CLOTHING AND TENTS

- 92,000 blankets air lifted to Gujarat
- Arrangements are also under way to air lift additional 57,000 blankets.
- 8210 tents supplied and further arrangements are being made for additional tents to Ahmedabad/Bhuj.

MEDICAL

- 60 doctors and 4 para –medics central medical teams from DGHS, Dr. RML and Safdarjung hospitals, AIIMS, PGI, Chandigarh sent on 26th & 27th 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 27th January, 2001. .
- One Team of 10 doctors from Govt. of Haryana reached Bhuj on 27th.

- 30 doctors on 26th January and 70 doctors on 27th 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 26th , 27th and 28th 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.
- A team of 10 doctors from UP alongwith medicines reached Bhuj.
- Mobile Hospitals have been received from 8 countries and sent to Bhuj.
- The Voluntary Health Association is also mobilising 10 mobile hospitals.
- Two Hospital ships are available at Kandla for handling surgical cases. 13 patients have been evacuated to Mumbai.

RAILWAYS

- Railways will start running special trains for evacuation of injured persons.
- Railway goods shelters 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., arranged.
- Rail route upto Gandhidham will be opened shortly.

TELECOM & POWER

- Art 2000 C-DOT Exchanges functional at Bhuj and Gandhidham .
- People have been allowed to make free calls from the PCOs provided by BSNL.
- 140 Mbps Optical fibre network connecting Gandhidham and Bhuj to Rajkot has become operational.
- 20 Inmarsat phones have been deployed.
- Eight VSATs diferted to Gujarat from all over the Country are getting ready for commissioning at Kandla port, Samarasar, Lakhpat, Naktarana, Khavda, Bachau, Anjar and Naliya.
- 1000 Sat-phones are being procured from Dubai and these would be made use of.
- Hot lines are being provided at the Taluka Headquarters.
- 256 line exchanges installed at Anjar, Bhachau, Rapar, Gagodar, Mandavi, Mundra, Nakhtrama. At Naliya 1000 line C-Dot exchange installed.
- Telecom personnel alongwith telecom equipment , one exchange and V-SAT terminals already reached Gujarat.
- Power restored to Bhuj partly.

- Rural Electrification Corporation has sanctioned Rs.100 crores for power lines and Rs. 100 crores for transformers.

PETROLEUM

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

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTS

- State Governments are providing relief assistance to Gujarat both in cash & kind. This include food, blankets, medicine, medical personnel, water, tankers and equipments.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

- Turkey: Team of 35 persons, 10 MT of rescue equipments and 1 MT of medicines assisting since 28th January, 2001.
- Britain: Team of 69 specialist and 4 search dogs, relief material consisting of three cars, two trucks, two 35 seat coaches, 10 translators, 2000 litres bottled water, 500 litres unleaded fuel and 50 anti Malaria tablets assisting 27th January, 2001.
- Switzerland: Team of 45 persons and with sniffer dogs assisting since 27th January, 2001.
- Japan: 0.25 million US \$ in kind for relief and rescue operations and 0.75 million US \$ to the Prime Minister Relief Fund.
- Germany: Team of 20 specialist alongwith their equipments assisting operations since 28/01/2001 at Bhuj.
- Russia: A professional rescue team of 73 personnel and equipments assisting since 28.01.2001.
- Slovak Republic, Republic of Korea and Malaysia: Offered assistance by special rescue teams for relief works and special slippers team with special trained dogs for detection and search ruins.
- France: A team of 40 member medical personnel with 10.5 MT medical equipments, and a rescue team of 9 personnel with sniffer dogs assisting since 29.01.2001 at Bhuj.
- Hungary: A rescue team with 12 personnel and 3 sniffer dogs and 7 MT of equipment since 29-01-2001 at Bhuj.
- Oman: IL 76 aircraft carrying 40 MT relief material reaching Gujarat on 29th January 2001.

SUMMARY ASSITANCE AT A GLANCE:

- 871 medical personnel deployed, and 130 more are ready.
- Rescue teams consisting of 8563 army and para-military personnel 14 sniffer dogs already deployed and 840 persons moving for deployment
- 1.10 lakh MT food grains/sugar sanctioned.
- 92,000 blankets already sent while 57,000 on its way.

- 8210 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 17 MT of rescue equipment already provided.
- 444 casualties have been evacuated.

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