

Government of India had set up a High powered committee in 1999 & a committee in 2001 after the Gujarat earthquake to make recommendations on the preparation of disaster management

However, after the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 2004 Disaster Management Act, 2005 was enacted

Act provided National Disaster Management Authority

Initially, the NDMA was constituted in 2005 by an Executive Order

Subsequently, the NDMA was notified in 2006 under the provisions of the Acts

The NDMA consists of a Chairperson & other members, not exceeding 9 members

The Prime Minister is the Ex-officio chairperson of the NDMA

Other members are nominated by the Chairperson of the NDMA

The Chairperson designates one of the members as vice-chairperson of the NDMA

The Vice chairperson has the status of a Cabinet Minister while other members have status of a Minister of State

The NDMA is the Apex body for disaster management

It works under the control of Union Ministry of Home Affairs

## NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### Objectives of the NDMA

1. To promote a culture of prevention, preparedness & resilience at all levels through knowledge, innovation & education
2. To encourage mitigation measures based on technology, traditional wisdom & environmental sustainability
3. To mainstream Disaster Management into the developmental planning process
4. To establish institutional & techno-legal frameworks to create an enabling regulatory environment & a compliance regime
5. To ensure efficient mechanism for identification, assessment & monitoring of disaster risks

### Functions of the NDMA

1. To lay down policies on disaster management
2. To approve the National Plan
3. To approve plans prepared by the Ministries or Departments of GoI in accordance with the National Plan
4. To lay down guidelines to be followed by the State Disaster Management Authorities in drawing up the State Plan

### State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)

Every state should establish a Disaster Management Authority

The SDMA consists of a Chairman & other members, not exceeding 9 members

Chief Minister is a ex-officio chairperson of the SDMA

The chairperson of the State Executive Committee is ex-officio member of the SDMA

Other members are nominated by the Chairperson of the SDMA

Chairperson designates one of the members as the Vice-Chairperson of the SDMA

Chairperson of the State Executive Committee acts as the ex-officio chief executive officer of the SDMA