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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Question No.83 answered on 20.03.2012 regarding "Mock Drill", raised by Shri Tarachand Bhagora, MP and Shri Sanjay Dina Patil, MP.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the above Question has been answered by Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 20.03.2012, the relevant extracts from the transcript is enclosed.

2. During the oral answer of the above mentioned Question, Shri Sanjay Dina Patil, MP has asked a supplementary Question on whether the Government has a plan to have a specific training programme conducted for the volunteers. The Home Minister while replying to the Supplementary made a statement that he has clearly requested the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) that in all future mock drills conducted anywhere in the country, they should apply the lessons of the elaborate Delhi Mock Drill and run through a programme of preparedness before the Mock Drill is conducted. He further stated that in future all Mock Drills would follow the protocol that were followed in Delhi.

3. In view of the above, NDMA is requested to prepare a template for Mock Drills in consultation with DDMA, and circulate the same for conducting future Mock Drills by NDMA. A copy of the template may also be sent to this Ministry for information and record.

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Encls : As above.

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3. Parliament Section, MHA - for information and necessary action [as per the remarks of Secretary (BM) on answer to LSSQ No. 83 for 20th March, 2012(Extract enclosed)].

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the tsunami. They can only deal with the consequences of a tsunami. As I mentioned, we have in place a very elaborate, sophisticated Tsunami Warning System and I will be quite happy to send to the hon. Member a detailed Technical Note on the subject.

SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL (MUMBAI NORTH EAST): Madam Speaker, during a mock drill carried out, many people had little or no idea as to what was going on. When the siren sounded, there were no signs, no diagrams, no direction etc. and in such a drill conducted in Bangalore a woman was reported to have died. The volunteers do not have any specific training. Does the Government plan to have a specific training programme conducted for the volunteers?

I would also like to know as to why our schools are not included in the mock drill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, many mock drills have been conducted throughout the country. This question relates to the mock drill that was conducted in Delhi. The mock drill is preceded by a very elaborate campaign. I am certainly not saying that in each one of the mock drills conducted earlier this protocol was followed. But it was followed in Delhi. We distributed fliers, preparedness programmes were conducted, a mock drill was conducted in schools, malls, hotels, orientation and sensitization workshops were held, public lectures and awareness generation programmes were conducted. There was a preparatory mega mock drill and finally the mock drill was conducted. In fact, one of the objectives of this mock drill is to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our system. A large number of positives have been identified. At the same time, a large number of negatives have also been identified. I have clearly requested the National Disaster Management Authority that in all future mock drills conducted anywhere in the country, they should apply the lessons of the elaborate Delhi mock drill and run through a programme of preparedness before the mock drill is conducted. In fact, the preparedness stage runs for about two months before the mock drill is

conducted. In future, all mock drills will follow the protocol that was followed in Delhi.

श्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल (बीकानेर): अध्यक्ष जी, आपने मुझे पूरक प्रश्न पूछने का अवसर दिया, इसके लिए मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ। मॉक ड्रिल से संबंधित डिस्ट्रिक्ट में भी एक डिस्ट्रिक्ट डिजास्टर मैनेजमेंट बना हुआ है। डिस्ट्रिक्ट कलेक्टर उसके हेड होते हैं, जो कई बार मॉक ड्रिल भी करते हैं। आजकल देश में रोड एक्सीडेंट्स बहुत बढ़ रहे हैं। जो सड़क दुर्घटनाएं होती हैं, वह करीब सुबह दो बजे से लेकर सुबह छः बजे के बीच में ज्यादा होती हैं। जब रोड दुर्घटना होती है तो यात्री भी उस यात्री को सहायता पहुंचाने के लिए रुकते नहीं हैं।

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अगर वह किसी डिस्ट्रिक्ट हास्पिटल, कम्युनिटी हेल्थ सेन्टर, प्राइमरी हेल्थ सेन्टर या एएनएम सेन्टर में पहुंच जाता है तो वहां पर डाक्टर नहीं मिलता है, स्टाफ नहीं मिलता है। अगर स्टाफ मिल जाता है तो ब्लड नहीं मिलता है। अगर ब्लड मिल जाता है तो दवाई नहीं मिलती है। मेरा आपके माध्यम से यह कहना है कि क्या मॉक ड्रिल का सिस्टम कभी किसी डिस्ट्रिक्ट हॉस्पिटल में किया है? मैं आपके माध्यम से यह जानना चाहता हूँ।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, I am afraid road accidents would not qualify as disasters. We are talking about disasters and disaster management. Road accidents are matters that concern roads and the kind of policing on the roads. These are matters that fall within the State Government. But I do know that the National Highways Authority of India has a scheme of patrols, telephones, etc. and they have also a scheme to locate hospitals along the national highways. I cannot give the details but road accidents will not fall under disaster management.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): Thank you, Madam. I would like to inform this august House that on the 18th of September, there was a massive earthquake in Sikkim and the hon. Minister had also visited. At that time I had also brought to his notice that the NDRF was not acclimatized to do the kind of work which is required in the mountains.