Disaster Management Plan of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (DMP-MoPR)

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<u>In news-</u> The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has released the Disaster Management Plan recently.

About DMP-MoPR-

- It aims to develop a culture of disaster resilience at the grassroots level among the Panchayats and Rural Local Bodies.
- It seeks to **establish a framework to align the disaster management measures in rural areas** to that of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- As per the Ministry, disaster management should be kept in mind while making a master plan for the holistic development of Panchayats in the country.
- Under the Plan, every Indian village would have a "Village Disaster Management Plan" and every Panchayat would have their Disaster Management Plan.
- All stakeholders including PRIs, elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayats etc. would participate in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the plan.
- DMP-MoPR incorporates many innovations in addition to being in compliance with Disaster Management Act 2005, National Disaster Management Policy 2009, and guidelines issued by National Disaster Management Authority.
- The Plan comprehensively covers areas such as institutional arrangement for Disaster Management; Hazard Risk, Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis;

Coherence of Disaster Risk Management across Resilient Development and Climate Change Action; Disaster Specific Preventive and Mitigation Measures-Responsibility Framework; Mainstreaming of Community Based Disaster Management Plan of Villages and Panchayats and so on.

About National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is India's apex disaster management statutory body.
- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was formally established on **September 27**, **2006**, in compliance with the **Disaster Management Act of 2005**, with the **Prime Minister as its Chairperson** and nine other members, one of whom was appointed as Vice-Chairperson.

Functions and Responsibilities of NDMA-

- Approve the National Disaster Plan.
- Lay down policies on disaster management.
- Approve plans prepared by Ministries or Departments of the Central Government in accordance with the National Plan.
- Lay down guidelines to be followed by State Authorities in drawing up State Plans.
- Lay down guidelines to be followed by different Ministries or Departments of the Central Government for the purpose of integrating measures for disaster prevention or mitigation of its effects in their development plans and projects.
- Coordinate enforcement and implementation of disaster management policy and plan.
- Recommend provision of funds for the purpose of mitigation.
- Provide such support to other countries affected by major disasters as determined by the Central Government.
- Take such other measures for prevention of disasters or

mitigation or preparedness and capacity building for dealing with threatening disaster situations or disaster as it may be necessary.

• Lay down broad policies and guidelines for the functioning of the National Institute of Disaster Management.

Further reading:

https://journalsofindia.com/disaster-management-act-2005/