

COURSE : DISASTER MANAGEMENT (MA/MSc PART I)

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Topic : Bihar State Disaster Management authority (BSDMA)

INTRODUCTION :

BSDMA is a statutory body created under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 passed by the Parliament. The Act has led to the creation of a three tier system of disaster management in India. At national level, a National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been created which is headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with full time Vice-Chairman and a number of experts as its members. On similar lines SDMAs have been created at state level, chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a Vice-Chairman and other members. District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs), headed by District Collectors have been established at district level. As per the provisions of the Act, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) has been created at state level which is headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, a full time Vice Chairman (with Cabinet Minister rank) and few experts as its Members (with Minister of State rank). BSDMA is undertaking a number of measures focused on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and mitigation.

Evolution of BSDMA : Bihar SDMA was set up vide notification No. 3449 on 6th Nov' 2007, under Section 14 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 passed by the Parliament.

Amongst others some of the objectives of BSDMA are:-

- Lay down the State Disaster Management Policy.
- Approve the State DM Plan.
- Approve the DM Plans prepared by the departments of the Government of the Bihar.
- Lay down guidelines to be followed by the Deptt. of the Government of the State for mainstreaming.
- Recommend provision of funds for mitigation and preparedness measures.
- Coordinate the implementation of the State Plan.

Roles & Responsibilities :

- Lay down policies on disaster management.
- Approve the State Plan.
- Approve plans prepared by the Departments of the State Government in accordance with the State Plan.
- Lay down guidelines to be followed by the District Authorities in drawing up the District Plan.
- Lay down guidelines to be followed by the different State Departments for the Purpose of integrating the measures for prevention of disaster or the mitigation of it's effects in their development plans and projects.
- Coordinate the enforcement and implementation of the policy and plan for disaster management

- Recommend provision of funds for the purpose of mitigation.
- Take such other measures for the prevention of disaster, or the mitigation, or preparedness and capacity building for dealing with the threatening disaster situation or disaster as it may consider necessary.
- Lay down broad policies and guidelines for the functioning of the State Institute of Disaster Management.

Vision & Mission

VISION

“To build a safe and disaster-resilient Bihar by developing a holistic, proactive, multi-disaster and technology-driven strategy for DM. This will be achieved through a culture of prevention, mitigation and preparedness. The entire process will centre-stage the community and will be provided momentum and sustenance through the collective efforts of all government agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations”.

MISSION

- To work as a think tank for the Government by providing assistance in policy formulation from DRR Lens and;
- To facilitate in reducing the impact of disasters through:
 - ✓ Planning and promoting training and capacity building services including strategic learning.
 - ✓ System development and expertise promotion for effective disaster mitigation.
 - ✓ Promoting awareness and enhancing knowledge and skills of all stakeholders and general people.
 - ✓ Networking and facilitating exchange of information, experience and expertise.
 - ✓ Research & Development and documentation of best practices.

State Disaster Management Plan

According to **Section 23 (1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005** – “There shall be a plan for disaster management for every State to be called the State Disaster Management Plan’. Development of the SDMP is the responsibility of the State Executive Committee. This State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) includes –

- (a) The vulnerability of different parts of the State to different forms of disasters;
- (b) The measures to be adopted for prevention and mitigation of disasters;
- (c) The manner in which the mitigation measures shall be integrated with the development plans and projects;
- (d) The capacity building and preparedness measures to be taken;
- (e) The roles and responsibilities of each department of the Government of the State in relation to above mentioned measures;
- (f) The roles and responsibilities of different Departments of the Government of the State in responding to any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

Government of Bihar, in compliance with the provisions of the Act, has developed its State Disaster Management Plan, which has been approved by the State Cabinet in the year 2014.

The State Disaster Management Plan has been developed in two parts –

1. Disaster Risk Management, and
2. Disaster Crisis Management.