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NATIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN At NDMA Bhawan, New Delhi on 28 JUNE 2011

Inaugural Address by Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman, NDMA

Shri M. Shashidhar Reddy, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NDMA said that Disaster Management Plans are living documents that would require constant improvement and innovation as the States continue to deal with various disasters. He was delivering the inaugural address at the Two Day National Consultation Workshop on Preparation of State Disaster Management Plans at NDMA Bhawan, New Delhi. States/ UTs are in different stages of preparation of the DM Plans.

The aim of the workshop is to provide an opportunity to the States to share various measures taken by them for the preparation of SDMP and exchanging ideas and technical information thereby learn from each other in developing actionable SDMP.

Preparation of Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) is a mandatory requirement as per Disaster Management (DM) Act. NDMA had issued Guidelines for preparation of the State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) in August 2007 in accordance with the provision of the Section 6(2)(d) of the DM Act.

NDMA has been supporting the State/ UT Governments to prepare SDMP through various initiatives. As proactive step, NDMA devised a "Scheme for Preparation of Disaster Management Plans" and provided financial support to States/ UTs during financial year 2009-10 to enable them for preparation of the respective SDMPs. NDMA

has been regularly advising the States through Workshops, Review Meetings and Video-Conferences for preparation of the SDMPs. The States/ UTs are in different stages of preparation of DM Plans.



Shri Reddy said that the National Executive Committee headed by the Union Home Secretary, to assist NDMA, has set up three committees for National Response Plan, National Mitigation Plan and National Capacity Building Plan. State Plans must also address these issues in the planning process. The state DM Plans will ultimately have to evolve on these lines. NDMA guidelines on various disasters and cross-cutting themes should guide the states to prepare their plans in the best possible manner.

He emphasized that all stakeholders must play their part in preparation of these plans and the process must be institutionalized. A deadline of end of 2011 has been set for all

the states to come up with their State DM Plans. Further district and city DM Plans will be prepared in due course.

Presentations were made in the workshop by Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on the first day on the methodologies adopted and other aspects of SDMPs followed by comments of the experts on various aspects. This was followed up by open forum discussion to enable the states to share their opinions. Jharkhand and West Bengal will make presentation on the 2nd day of the workshop.

Members of NDMA, Senior Officers of NDMA, Senior Officers and Consultants from the States, experts from UNDP & UNDMT and other senior DM experts participated in the first day of the national consultation workshop.