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To

Principal Secretary (Revenue / DM) / Relief Commissioners  
(All States / UTs)

**Sub: Notification of IRS by States / UTs - Reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to NDMA's letter of even no dt 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 and OM No 02/314/Ops/2022/996 dt 31.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject.

2. Incident Response System (IRS) is a mechanism for responding to any disaster or disaster situation in an efficient and effective manner. Considering the importance and need of IRS in disaster response, Guidelines on IRS were issued in 2010 (available on public domain on NDMA website). NDMA, NIDM, and NDRF have been conducting IRS Training for States / UTs on regular intervals as per respective Trg Calendars. NDMA has been emphasizing on the importance of IRS notification and adoption by States / UTs / Distts but a large number of States / UTs are yet to notify IRS at State / Distt level. Most stakeholders, especially at the grass roots level, are not aware of their duties and responsibilities under IRS. It has been experienced during conduct of Multi-State / State level MEs that execution of IRS based coordinated response, including siting and functioning of staging areas, relief camps, command posts and functioning of EOCs, is not up to the mark. Nomination of a dedicated Nodal Officer (Air) and a Nodal Officer for coordinating NGO activities has not been done in most cases.

3. In view of the above, following actions are suggested to be taken by States / UTs:

- States / UTs to notify and adopt IRS at all level
- Frequent conduct of IRS Trg by States / UTs for their appointment holders owing to regular turnover of officials
- Ensure active participation of State functionaries, Distt Administration, Line Deptts and all stakeholders in Mock Exercises & IRS Trg conducted by NDMA and NDRF
- Ensure 24x7 functioning of EOCs at all levels

4. A note of confirmation on the notification of IRS would be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

  
31/05/23

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