

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SAARC DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether SAARC countries have agreed to set up a SAARC Disaster Management Centres;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard;
- (c) The extent to which such centres are likely to be helpful in dealing with disasters in the region; and
- (d) The time by which such centres will be set up alongwith locations thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A SAARC Disaster Management Centre has been established at the premises of National Institute of Disaster Management during October 2006 at New Delhi, as decided by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The Center has been set up to network with various organizations and institutions in the South Asian countries for research, documentation, training and capacity building on disaster risk reduction and management in the region and to promote better cooperation and understanding amongst the countries for holistic management of disasters.