

**Guidelines for Requisitioning of Armed Forces  
in Aid of Civil Administration**

**Procedure for Provision of Aid**

1. The Armed Forces are conscious of not only their constitutional responsibility in-aid to civil authority, but also, more importantly, the aspirations and the hopes of the people. Although such assistance is part of their secondary role, once the Army steps in, personnel in uniform wholeheartedly immerse themselves in the tasks in accordance with the Army's credo - **SERVICE BEFORE SELF**.

2. Assistance during a disaster situation is to be provided by the Defence Services with the approval and on orders of the central government. In case, the request for aid is of an emergency nature, where government sanctions for assistance is not practicable, local military authorities, when approached for assistance should provide the same. This will be reported immediately to respective Services Headquarters (Operations Directorate) and normal channels taken recourse to, as early as possible.

**Requisition Procedure**

3. Any state unable to cope with a major disaster situation on its own and having deployed all its resources will request Government of India for additional assistance. Ministry of Defence will direct respective service headquarters to take executive action on approved requests. The chief secretary of state may initiate a direct request for emergency assistance, for example, helicopter for aerial reconnaissance, or formation of local headquarter (Command/Area Headquarters) or naval base or air force station.

**Coordination**

4. The responsibility for coordination of disaster relief operations at various levels is as follows:

- a) Inter-service Coordination at Central Level: Cabinet secretariat (Military Wing). A case for co-opting a Tri Service RRF to cater for emergency situations within India and in the region is under consideration of COSC. This JCC would be responsible for coordination and directing all rescue/relief operations to ensure synergy of efforts of all three services in management of disasters.
- b) Service Headquarters
  - (i) Military Operations Directorate (MI-6) at Army Headquarters
  - (ii) Director of Naval operations at Naval headquarters
  - (iii) Directorate of Operations (Transport and Maritime) at Air Headquarters

