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**Topic: Traffic Control During Natural Disaster
under Police Supervision**

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Introduction

1. Disaster causes substantial damage to life and property and its impact, effects life beyond the boundaries of one state.
2. During disaster communication system disturbed badly and thus breakdown of command and control and general law and order is obvious which creates obstacles in evacuation and subsequent reconstruction.
3. Police in general and traffic police in particular play an important role during disaster. NCC cadets are a trained workforce which can be utilized to assist the civil authorities during such period.

Responsibilities of Traffic Police in Disaster Management.

4. The traffic police is responsible for following actions during a natural disaster:-
 - (a) To ensure smooth flow of all types of traffic.
 - (b) To provide adequate safety and security to the VIPs and the common people affected by the disasters.
 - (c) To assist in securing the property of affected people.

- (d) To assist in evacuation of the injured persons to the nearby hospitals on priority.
- (e) To assist in crowd control at the affected place as well as at respective hospitals.
- (f) To ensure help to the fire service, medical and other paramedical personnel.
- (g) To help in ensuring proper access to the fire brigade, ambulances, VIPs and other functionaries authorised to visit the affected area or to carry out the rescue/relief operations.
- (h) To assist in ensuring collection of intelligence on the possibility of such disasters.
- (i) To ensure better liaison and co-ordination with officials of Apex/Civic bodies while handling the disasters.
- (j) To assist in proper identification of the dead and injured.
- (k) To carry out adequate mobile patrolling in and around the affected area.

Employment of NCC cadets under Traffic Police during natural disasters.

5. For employment of NCC cadets during natural disasters, proper SOPs will have to be made by the local CO/CP Cdr, in consultation with the DDMA, under the guidelines issued by HQ DG NCC/the state NCC Dtes.

one of the roles to be given to NCC cadets in the overall District Disaster Management is assistance to Traffic Police. Responsibilities of local traffic police and where cadets can be employed during disaster management are as under:—

(a) Immediate action. On receipt of the information about any disaster taking place, SP/D or SP concerned shall rush to the spot immediately with his quick reaction team equipped with adequate communication equipment, rescue material, protective gear, warning signs and contact numbers; assess the situation and inform the SSP about the situation.

SSP should arrange for additional force from local resources. Some NCC cadets can form part of the group which goes for the immediate action.

(b) Initial law and order. Local traffic police shall rush to the spot with ropes, searchlights and other items for maintaining law and order. NCC cadets can be incorporated with the local police personnel.

(c) cordoning. NCC cadets can be used to cordon off affected areas.

(d) Casualty management. The traffic police plays an important role in traffic control and guidance in the chain of evacuation of casualties. NCC cadets can accompany the casualty or be employed as point man or liaison officer at hospitals.

(e) Traffic Flow. No traffic shall be allowed to pass through the affected areas and necessary diversion shall be made accordingly. Diversion points can be manned by NCC cadets in coordination with traffic police.

(f) Emergency vehicle. NCC cadets can be employed to check and ensure that only emergency vehicles are permitted to the right of way.

(g) Rescue services. NCC cadets can be co-ordinated with rescue services and volunteers to guide and executing duties.

(h) Adequate rescue. NCC cadets can form part of the reserve forces to aid traffic police.

(i) Maintain records of incidents. The entire scene of incident must be video graphed as early as possible with a view to reconstruct the scene of occurrence, during the course of investigation. NCC cadets can be employed to video graph and carryout tasks in maintaining of records of incidents.

Miscellaneous points:

6. The mock exercise of various disaster management Authorities and groups should be conducted from time to time for NCC cadets.

7. Following details should be available with all concerned authorities and all

Locations can be visited and coordinated by the cadets and NCC authorities for it to be of use during disaster management.

(i) List of vital installations and buildings falling in the jurisdiction of a district.

(ii) List of major hospitals/nursing homes, casualties and ambulances service functioning in the district.

(iii) List of licensed Blood Banks.

(iv) Availability of heavy duty cranes.

(v) List of persons/agencies having earth moving/rescue equipments.

(vi) Important telephone numbers for disaster management authorities/groups.

(vii) List of fire static water tanks.

(viii) List of officials of home guard and civil defence and NCC Directorate.

(ix) List of NGOs/voluntary organizations to be contacted at the time of disaster.

(x) List of colleges and schools falling in the sector.

(xi) List of temples, Gurudwaras, Mosques and churches situated in district.

(xii) List of market associations.

Conclusion

8. NCC cadets being a well trained force can contribute immensely in providing necessary assistance to traffic police during disasters. However, their safety and security must be kept in mind before embarking them.