

Central Team Probes Disaster Surge in Himachal

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A high-level central team comprising experts from various scientific and academic institutions met with Himachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena today to assess the rising trend of natural disasters in the state.



Led by Col. K. P. Singh, Advisor (Operations & Communications), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the team is on a deputation to investigate the causes behind the increasing frequency and intensity of events such as cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, and torrential rainfall.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary highlighted the growing concern over the devastation caused by such disasters, which have led to significant loss of life, extensive damage to infrastructure and livelihoods, and long-term environmental impacts. He emphasized that the unique geographical and ecological characteristics of hilly states like Himachal Pradesh present specific challenges in disaster response and rehabilitation efforts.

The central team includes Dr. S.K. Negi, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CBRI (Roorkee); Prof. Arun Kumar, retired Geologist from the University of Manipur; Dr. Susmita Joseph, Research Scientist, IITM (Pune); and Dr. Neelima Satyam, Professor of Civil Engineering, IIT Indore.

Tasked with conducting a scientific analysis, the team will investigate the root causes of these calamities and recommend evidence-based remedial measures for both the State and Central Governments. Given the urgency of the situation, the team is scheduled to visit the affected regions immediately and will submit its report within a week to the Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



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Sh. Sukhvinder Singh Sekha,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P.

Heartiest Congratulations !
on
Environment Clearance for Bulk Drug Park, Haroli, Una



Sh. Hardevbhai Chaudhan,
Hon'ble Industries Minister, H.P.



"On behalf of the Haroli Block Industries Association, I congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Industries Minister, and the Department of Industries on the grant of Environmental Clearance for the Bulk Drug Park at Una. This historic development will transform Una into a hub of pharmaceutical excellence, attract new investments, and significantly contribute to local infrastructure, employment, and overall socio-economic progress of the district as well as the State."

Shri Rakesh Kaushal, President, Haroli Block Industries Association



"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Industries Minister, and the Department of Industries on getting Environmental Clearance for the Bulk Drug Park at Una. This milestone marks a new era for Himachal Pradesh, where world-class infrastructure will strengthen the pharmaceutical value chain, enhance quality assurance, and promote global competitiveness. The Bulk Drug Park will not only bolster India's self-reliance in APIs but also open immense opportunities for research, innovation, and testing services, thereby uplifting the entire pharma ecosystem of the region."

Shri Sanjay Sharma, CEO, Pharma Testing Lab



"I congratulate the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Industries Minister, and entire team of Industries Department, Himachal Pradesh, for getting the Environmental Clearance for the Bulk Drug Park at Una. This is a landmark step that will complement the existing pharma cluster in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Industrial Corridor, and open new avenues for investment and innovation in the state's industrial landscape."

Shri Rajeev Aggarwal, President, BBN Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Industrial Association (BBNIA)



"I take this opportunity to extend heartfelt congratulations to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Industries Minister, and entire team, on getting Environmental Clearance for the upcoming Bulk Drug Park at Una. This landmark achievement will not only strengthen India's self-reliance in API sector but also ensure the availability of affordable raw materials for Pharma industry, thereby paving the way for a robust and sustainable Pharma Ecosystem."

Shri B.R. Sikri, Chairman, Federation of Pharma Entrepreneurs (FOPE)



"On behalf of the Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association (HDMA), I warmly congratulate the State Government, and the Department of Industries, for the Environmental Clearance for the Bulk Drug Park at Una. We are sure that this park would sustain Pharma formulation in the state"

Shri Rajesh Gupta, President, Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association (HDMA)

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