Cabinet Secretary chairs NCMC meeting

Context

A meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, Shri PK Sinha, was held to review the prevailing flood situation in the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat.

About NCMC

A National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) has been constituted in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Cabinet Secretary is the Chairman of the committee

When a situation is to be handled also by the NCMC, it will give such directions to the Crisis Management Group of the Ministry as deemed necessary.

Crisis Management Group

There shall be a Crisis Management Group (CMG) for dealing with matters relating to relief in the wake of major natural calamities.

Relief Commissioner is the Chairman of the group.

The Resident Commissioners of the States affected by major natural calamity may be coopted on the CMG during the period of crisis.

The CMG will meet at least twice a year in the months of December/January and May/June and as often as may be required by the Relief Commissioner.

The CMG will:

Review every year Contingency Plans formulated by the Central Ministries/Departments;

Review the measures required for dealing with a natural calamity

Coordinate the activities of the Central Ministries and the State Governments in relation to disaster preparedness and relief, and

Obtain information from the Nodal Officers on measures relating to the above.