

## CIVIL DEFENCE AT A GLANCE

Civil Defence Organisation is functioning under the Administrative control of Home Department. It is a volunteer based Government Organisation. The mandate of Civil Defence is to (i) save life (ii) to minimise damage to properties & (iii) to maintain continuity of production & to keep up the high morale of public during Air Raid. The Civil Defence Act, 1968 has been amended suitably to include Disaster Management as an additional role of Civil Defence Corps.

In our State Civil Defence Organisations are functioning in five categorised towns namely Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Koraput, Talcher & Paradeep. Subsequently, Government of India have declared five more districts under Multi-hazard prone areas. These districts are Dhenkanal, Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur in which Civil Defence activities are being implemented. The District Magistrates and Collectors of these Districts are acting as the controller of Civil Defence with the support of Deputy Controller, Civil Defence. The D.G. of Police, Fire Service and Commandant General, Home Guards is the Director of Civil Defence.

Various training programmes on life saving skills and response mechanism like basic life support, search and rescue, fire fighting etc. are imparted to Civil Defence Volunteers.

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