

Chapter One

Attachment No. 1.

General Provisions

Article One

The Department of Emergency Preparedness is attached to the Council of Ministers and is thus part of the government. It is responsible for organizing matters related to prevention of natural disasters and elimination of the after-effects of such disasters, phenomena and impacts that occur on a large scale.

Article Two

The Department of Emergency Preparedness carries out its duties in cooperation with other DRA agencies, organs or organizations, social institutions and the inhabitants.

Article Three

The Department of Emergency Preparedness will take into account, when performing its duties, the DRA Basic Principles, the decisions of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, decrees and decisions of the Revolutionary Council as well as those of the government and provisions of these regulations.

Chapter Two

Basic Objectives and Duties

Article Four

The Department of Emergency Preparedness performs the following duties:

1. To raise the effectiveness of its work in preventing natural disasters, etc. and eliminating the after-effects thereof.
2. To organize timely relief assistance and effectively distribute it in the areas so affected.
3. To prepare and implement measures to prevent natural disasters, etc. or reduce the impacts of their after-effects.
4. To introduce progressive new advances or experiments in organizing the struggle against natural disasters, etc.
5. To make a reasonable use of the existing financial and material resources when

preventing natural disasters, rescuing victims or reconstructing premises ruined by such phenomena.

6. Run training courses for special groups to combat natural disasters throughout the country whether collectively or directly or through local government organs.

7. Enlighten the inhabitants concerned about the disaster that is to affect or has already affected the area and how to observe public order in case of emergency.

Article Five

The Department of Emergency Preparedness enjoys the following powers to perform its duties:

1. Control and supervise the activities of various ministries, local government organs and the extraordinary state committee to combat disasters as far as implementation of government decisions, instructions and directives of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers and his deputy or deputies in charge of the Department of Emergency Preparedness are concerned.

2. Ensure coordination and harmony among various ministries and local government organs as well as social institutions and private organizations to prevent natural disasters or reduce the impacts thereof.

3. Study and survey areas threatened by natural disasters and prepare preliminary plans for operations against such phenomena.

4. Provide the necessary stocks of food-stuffs, equipment and supplies in the affected areas and build regular warehouses.

5. Organize preventive measures against disasters threatening the inhabitants or organizations and solicit the cooperation of various government agencies, social institutions, private organizations and the inhabitants.

6. Inform the inhabitants before the occurrence of the disaster or of the dangers it poses for them.

7. Prepare the necessary proposal regarding the meeting of the extraordinary committee to combat natural disasters.

8. Control and supervise the activities of extraordinary committees to combat natural disasters in the provinces.

9. Adopt the necessary measures to obtain assistance from international organizations and countries and individuals on a voluntary basis and make an effective use thereof.

10. Prepare the ground for participation in committee meetings by the representative of the Emergency Preparedness Department to determine the extent of casualties and damages, well as other data on the disaster.

11. Determine the size of manpower and equipment to rescue the victims and reconstruct the ruined or damaged premises.

12. Finance the expenses involved in preventing natural disasters and reconstruction from government allocations, donations by various organizations and individuals as well as foreign assistance and extend the necessary relief aids to the victims.

Article Six

The Department of Emergency Preparedness carries out the following duties in cooperation with related ministries, local government organs, social institutions, private organizations and the inhabitants:

1. Rescuing and reconstruction.
2. Determine the areas regularly affected by natural disasters and launch projects to protect them.
3. Transfer the affected inhabitants to safer places and secure for them proper accommodation.
4. Provide the victims with medical assistance and send emergency cases to hospitals.
5. Attempt to prevent the outbreak of contagious diseases on a large scale.
6. Ensure water-supply and food-stuffs as well as general sanitation for the victims.
7. Organize transportation, build roads and procure the necessary materials.
8. Implement the necessary measures concerning the combat against natural disasters, etc.
9. Ensure public order in the affected areas.
10. Collect from the local government organs statements of accounts concerning repairs, rescue operations, reconstruction, etc.

Article Seven

The Department of Emergency Preparedness has to make efforts with a view to selecting

and training its cadres with a sense of patriotism to implement the decisions of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and protect public and corporate property and state interests with a sense of responsibility.

Chapter Three

Organization and Operations

Article Eight

The Department of Emergency Preparedness has the following divisions:

Planning, operations and administration.

In areas where emergency food-stuffs and material are stored, there will be special units operating under direct supervision of the department.

Article Nine

The Department of Emergency Preparedness is run under the direction of a General President who has a Vice President. And the latter appointed according to law is in charge of planning and officiates in the absence of his chief.

Article Ten

The General President enjoys the following powers:

1. Supervise all the activities of the department to ensure the accomplishment of its objectives.
2. Direct the daily activities of the department and its related divisions.
3. Prepare the action plan of the department and obtain the approval thereof from the Council of Ministers.
4. Implement such plans and settle the daily problems according to the provisions of these regulations and the government instructions.
5. Adopt measures to make a reasonable use of the budget and sign the financial documents
6. Hire or fire officials or contract employees according to law.
7. Prepare the job description for the related officials.
8. Issue orders within his powers.
9. Prepare and present proposals on improving activities and organization of the department.

Article Eleven

The General President of the Department of Emergency Preparedness is personally responsible for the performance of the functions assigned to the department.

Article Twelve

The organizational structure, new assignments within the department and its budget are proposed to and approved by the Council of Ministers.

Article Thirteen

The job description for each division is prepared by the General President.

Article Forteen

The General President calls periodic meetings with a view to better organizing the affairs related to combat against natural disasters and improve his own activities.

Article Fifteen

The General President will review within his powers the performance of related officials, proposals, grievances and complaints of the inhabitants, government, social or private organizations and adopt as well as implement measures to remedy the situation.

Article Sixteen

The related divisions of the department will carry out book-keeping, the archive registration, accounting, statistics, reporting as well as monthly, quarterly and annual balance sheets.

Article Seventeen

The General President will inform the Council of Ministers about the performance of his department and provide the related agencies with statistics and reports.

Chapter Four

Miscellaneous Provisions

Article Eighteen

The Department of Emergency Preparedness is a legal entity with an official seal bearing the emblem of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the department's title.

Article Nineteen

The Department of Emergency Preparedness has a triangular 20 cm high and 45 cm wide

with its arms inside.

Article Twenty

The Department of Emergency Preparedness is a member of the UNDRO coordination committee for assistance to combat natural disasters.

Article Twenty-One

These regulations will come into effect after the publication thereof in the Official Gazette.