

**Ministry of Home Affairs
Disaster Management Division
(National Emergency Response Centre)**

**Brief Report on Forest Fire incident in Uttarakhand as on 05th April, 2021
at 2000 Hrs.**

1. Details of incident :-

An incident of forest fire has occurred on 03.04.2021 in Nainital, Almora, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Haridwar and Rudraprayag Districts. This area is a relatively remote and inaccessible and emergency response operation is challenge. As per information of state government rainfall in Uttarakhand during the winter season of 2020-21 has been much less than normal, and ensuing low humidity has resulted in forest fire incidences.

2. Current Situation:-

- i. Fire has been doused in Almora, Bageshwar, Haridwar and Pauri districts.
- ii. Fire dousing work is in progress in Nainital, Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag, Champawat, Chamoli and Tehri districts.
- iii. 02 IAF MI-17 Helicopters carried out two sorties today for dousing the fire.
- iv. 01 team of NDRF is standby at Haldwani.
- v. Fire, police, forest department personnel and local people are deployed for dousing the fire.

3. Steps taken by Central Government:-

- i. Situation is being monitored on 24x7 basis by Central Government at the highest level.
- ii. Control Rooms of Ministry of Home Affairs are monitoring the situation 24X7 and all possible help is being provided to the State.
- iii. 02 IAF MI-17 helicopters have been deployed.

Deployment of Manpower and Resources by Central Government:-

a)	NDRF	01 Team standby
b)	Air Force	02 Helicopters

4. Steps taken by State Government Uttarakhand: -

- i. The personnel of Reserve Forest Department, Police, Fire services department and local people are dousing the fire.
- ii. The Forest department has put in all available resources for controlling the spread of fire and operationalized 40 Master Control Rooms, 1317 Field crew stations and 174 watch towers, while more than 6000 persons have been deployed in the field.
