

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

**Brief Report on Forest Fire incident in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh as on
08th April, 2021 at 1930 Hrs.**

Uttarakhand :

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. In last 24 hours Total 36 forest fire incident occurred in Uttarakhand and total 693 fire incident reported in the month of April 2021.
- ii. 05 persons died, 02 persons injured, 22 animals died, 07 injured and 969.89 Ha. area affected so far.
- iii. Number of fire incident decreased in the state due to dousing efforts and rain in some places under Kumaun and Garhwal region.
- iv. Fire dousing work is under way in Nainital, Pithoragarh, Champawat and Pauri districts.
- v. Both IAF MI-17 Helicopters returned back to their base Sarsawa and kept as standby.
- vi. 03 teams of NDRF deployed in Nainital, Champawat and Pauri districts.
- vii. 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 and 03 NDRF teams have been deployed.

Deployment of Manpower and Resources by Central Government:-

a)	NDRF	03 Teams
b)	Air Force	02 Helicopters standby

4. Steps taken by State Government

- 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, 1498 Field crew stations and 246 watch towers, while more than 6000 forest department officials have been deployed in the field.

Himachal Pradesh:-

- 102 Forest fire incidents reported in last 24 Hrs. in districts of Bilaspur, Chamba, Dharamsala, Hamirpur, Kullu, Mandi, Nahan, Rampur, Shimla, Solon have been doused. Total 256 fire incidents reported so far w.e.f. 01/04/2021.
- The personnel of Forest Department, Police, Fire services department civil defence and local people are engaged the dousing the fire.
