

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

**Brief Report on Forest Fire incident in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh as on
09th April, 2021 at 1900 Hrs.**

Uttarakhand :

1. Background :-

An incident of forest fire occurred on 03.04.2021 in Nainital, Almora, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Haridwar and Rudraprayag Districts. These area are relatively remote and inaccessible and emergency response operation is challenge. As per information received from State Government of Uttarakhand, rainfall 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. 45 forest fire incident reported in Uttarakhand during last 12 hrs.
- ii. Fire dousing work is under way in Garhwal and Kumaon Division.
- iii. Fire, police, forest department personnel, NDRF and local people are deployed for dousing the fire.
- iv. Till date, 10 persons died, and 1161.69 Ha. forest area have been affected so far.
- v. Both IAF MI-17 Helicopters has been de-inducted by the state government

3. Steps taken by Central Government:-

- i. Situation is being monitored by MHA Control Room on 24x7 basis.
- ii. 02 IAF MI-17 Helicopters were deployed on dousing the fire and total 12 sorties carried out w.e.f. 05.04.2021 to 07.04.2021.
- iii. 03 teams of NDRF with all necessary equipments have been deployed in Nainital, Champawat and Pauri districts.

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:-

- Fire is completely under control and only 19 small Forest fire incidents reported in last 24 Hrs. in the State and all have been doused.
- The personnel of Forest Department, Police, Fire services department civil defence and local people are engaged the dousing the fire.
