

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

**Brief Report on Forest Fire incident in Dzukou Valley as on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021  
at 1830 Hrs.**

1. An incident of massive forest fire has occurred since 29.12.2020 in Dzukou valley under Kohima District of Nagaland and Senapati District of Manipur, which is yet to be contained. Valley is a relatively remote and inaccessible area of states and given the terrain, high altitude and other factors the emergency response operation is challenge. Dzukou Valley is famous for its multicolored carpets of natural flowers and greeneries which make the hub of biodiversity, flora and fauna. Ecologically and environmentally, Dzukou Valley is a significant valley to the states and in the North East region.

**2. Steps taken by Central Government:**

- i. Situation is being closely monitored 24x7 at highest level.
- ii. A meeting of National Executive Committee (NEC) held on 07. 01.2020 under the Chairmanship of Union Home Secretary to review the current status of forest fire in the Dzukou Valley under Kohima District of Nagaland and Senapati District of Manipur and to discuss the further course of action to contain the spread of forest fire. Member Secretary NDMA, Secretary MoEF&CC, Secretary MoES, CISC IDS, DG NDRF, Director ISRO, Assam Rifle, Chief Secretary, Manipur and Nagaland had attended the meeting.
- iii. 04 teams of NDRF are deployed in Manipur and 06 teams of NDRF are deployed in Nagaland. NDRF assisting State Administrations in carrying out dousing operations.
- iv. 04 MI-17 Helicopter fitted with Bambi Bucket have been deployed for spraying of water over the affected area and are constantly engaged in dousing fire. Till date 104 sorties/ 110:25 hours including 53 sorties/ 65:40 hours of Bambi ops with 108,250 ltrs of water sprayed. (As on 08/01/2021).

**3. Nodal Ministry**

- i. As per CMP-2019, each Central Nodal Ministry will be responsible for taking actions, reporting all developments and dealing with crisis situation falling within their domain of responsibility.

- ii. As per Crisis Management Plan-2019 of Cabinet Secretariat and National Disaster Management Plan-2019, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoES&CC) is the Central Nodal Ministry for forest fire.

#### **4. Current Situation**

- i. Personnel of NDRF, SDRF/Home Guard and Civil Defence, Police, T.A Bn and supported by DDMA of respective States and DFO, and volunteers have been working to make the traditional fire control line to protect the fragile portion of the valley.
- ii. Air Racee by helicopters continued on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.
- iii. As per report received from Nagaland, there is no fresh fire or smoke seen today.

#### **5. Steps taken by State Government Nagaland & Manipur: -**

##### **i. Nagaland**

- The personnel of DDMA, SDRF, Home Guard, Civil Defence, Forest Department/Police and volunteers of SAYO have been deployed.
- Forest Department /Police and volunteers of SAYO camping in the Valley to keep a watch.
- Ground Recce conducted by teams, No smoke or fire / flame is visible in western side of Essi hill and Dzukou valley.
- NSDMA in collaboration with GIS & Remote Sensing, Nagaland shall be deploying UAV(Drone) for area damage assessment.

##### **ii. Manipur**

- The personnel of DDMA, SDRF, Home Guard, Civil Defence and Forest Department/Police have been deployed.
- On spot Recce conducted by teams, No Fire or smoke seen.
- The Government is making all possible efforts to support supply system of essential items at the base camp of the firefighters by providing medicines, blankets mattresses and generators.

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