GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: **Constitution of Committee for Earthquake Risk Reduction and Management for the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir**

Government Order No.: 685-JK(GAD) of 2025
Dated: 10.06.2025

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of committee, comprising the following, for Earthquake Risk Reduction and Management for the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir:-

1.	Administrative Secretary, Disaster Management Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department	Chairperson
2.	Administrative Secretary, Public works (R&B) Department	Member
3.	Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir	Member
4.	Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Committee/Srinagar Municipal Committee	Member(s)
5.	Director, School Education, Jammu/Kashmir	Member(s)
6.	Director, Rural Development, Jammu/Kashmir	Member
7.	Dr. O.P.Mishra, Director National Centre for Seismology.	Member
8.	Prof. Bikram Singh Bali, HoD School of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir.	Member
9.	Prof. G.M.Bhat, Department of Geology (Retd.)	Member
10.	Deputy Secretary to the Government, Disaster Management Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department	Member Secretary
11.	Dr. Ajay Chaurasia, Chief Scientist & Professor CBRI	Member
12.	Dr. Rakesh Chandra, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir.	Member
13.	Dr. Irfan Maqbool Bhat, Assistant Professor, Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora	Member
14.	Dr. Mehran Qurashi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora	Member
15.	Dr. Falak Zahoor, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar.	Member
16.	Dr. Mir Faizan Ul Haq, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu	Member

The Chairperson may Co-opt any member(s) to obtain required technical and inter-disciplinary input(s) for the committee.

The Committee shall be assisted by the concerned Department(s) in their field studies/observations.

Terms of Reference:

i. To devise a comprehensive roadmap for earthquake risk management and risk reduction in the UT of J&K.
ii. To identify and define J&K's vulnerabilities to earthquakes, conducting detailed risk assessments to prioritize mitigation efforts and develop resilient sustainable strategies for earthquake preparedness and mitigation.
iii. To chart out strategies for the screening and safety assessments of buildings for better insight into structural stability and safety in the wake of Earthquake risks.
iv. To strengthen Earthquake preparedness through safety guidelines and key policy initiatives.
v. To develop earthquake risk management strategies and focus on assessing the current state and challenges faced by J&K in earthquake preparedness and mitigation efforts.
vi. To suggest the measures for earthquake preparedness and mitigation within the region.
vii. To suggest on the measures for ensuring the safety of the population through measures like Public awareness, community engagement, capacity building and training.
viii. To develop and implement earthquake-specific disaster management strategies at the UT and district levels, ensuring coordination among different departments, agencies and coordinating with other stakeholders.
ix. To suggest measures to prevent and mitigate the effects of earthquakes, such as building code enforcement, public awareness campaigns and earthquake resilient infrastructure.
x. To develop strategies for swift and effective response to earthquake events and Training & equipping government officials, emergency responders and community members with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage earthquake disasters.

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By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-
(M. Raju) IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

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Copy to the:

1. Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Higher Education Department.
2. Director General of Police, J&K.
3. Principal Secretary to the Government, Disaster Management Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department.
4. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
5. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir.
6. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
7. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Housing & Urban Development Department.
8. Secretary to the Government, School Education Department.
9. Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department.
10. Secretary to the Government, Rural Development Department.
11. Director Information, J&K.
12. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
13. Registrar, University of Kashmir/IUST Awantipora.
14. Registrar, IIT, Jammu.
15. Registrar, NIT, Srinagar.
16. OSD/Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

17. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
18. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department.
19. Government Order/Stock file/Website, GAD. *"Hindi and Urdu versions shall follow".*

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(Shakeeb Arsallan) JKAS
Under Secretary to the Government