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Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110 001.  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: **National Core Group for Earthquake Mitigation.**

It has been decided, with the approval of Deputy Prime Minister, to set up a National Core Group for Earthquake Mitigation. The constitution of the Core Group will be as follows:-

- 1) Shri Pratyush Sinha, Secretary (BM), MHA - Chairperson.
- 2) Shri R.K. Singh, Joint Secretary (DM), MHA - Alternate Chairperson.
- 3) Prof. D.K. Paul, IIT Roorkee. - Member.
- 4) Prof. S.K. Jain, IIT, Kanpur. - Member
- 5) Dr.T.N. Gupta, Executive Director, BMTPC - Member.
- 6) Dr. V.K. Mathur, Director, CBRI, Roorkee. - Member.
- 7) Dr. N. Lakshmanan, Director, SERC, Chennai. - Member.
- 8) Representative of AICTE. - Member.

2. The terms of reference of the Core Group will be as follows:-

- i) Drawing up a strategy and a plan of action for mitigating the impact of earthquakes.
- ii) Provide advice and guidance to the States on various aspects of earthquake mitigation.
- iii) Develop/organize the development of handbooks/pamphlets/type designs for earthquake resistant construction.
- iv) Work out systems for assisting the States in the seismically vulnerable zones to adopt/integrate appropriate BIS Codes in their building bye laws.
- v) Evolve systems for training of Municipal Engineers as also practicing architects and engineers in the salient features of the BIS Codes and the amended bye laws.
- vi) Evolve systems of certification of architects/engineers for testing their knowledge of earthquake resistant construction.
- vii) Evolve systems for training of masons.