

Clarification on Earthquake forecast issued by Individual:-

It is found today that the forecast of occurrence of earthquake in Delhi and Nepal by Mr. Vikas Kumar made on his own having no approval from National Centre for Seismology (NCS), Ministry of Earth Sciences. Mr. Vikash Kumar has also forecasted in past on his own despite repeated request and suggestions to him not to indulge in such baseless propagation of news to generate public panic.

All seismogenically demarcated zones of India and its adjoining region are known to all of us. Which indicates that earthquakes of different magnitudes are occurring at different depths in different tectonic regimes.

NCS-MoES as per its mandate; is monitoring earthquakes in and around India [Region falling between latitude of 0 - 40 degree North and Longitude 60 -100 degree East] round the clock 24x7 to furnish reliable and right information to the people and various stakeholders.

As a long-term precautions measure for earthquake preparedness where several preparedness programs are being taken up by various central and state agencies such as NDMA, SDMA.

There is no meaning of 20 degree and 45 degree in his notice as it does not indicate whether the given value is longitude or Latitude, it is the self issued notice about the occurrence of the earthquake by Mr.Vikas Kumar for which NCS-MoES has neither consented nor agreed.

Nonetheless, occurrence of earthquake in reality cannot be predicated with respect to time of occurrence; location (latitude, longitude, source depth) ; and size (Magnitude) of earthquakes with present state of knowledge and available state-of-the-art of technology; as intricate processes of earthquake generation and physics involved into it are not well understood till date to reach the level of forecasting of earthquake. Whatever Mr. Vikas Kumar is making on his own without any scientific base!

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