

SET UP ADVISORY BODIES TO STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT **AUTHORITIES**

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'Set up advisory body for state disaster management authorities'

MANGALURU, DHNS: Man-galuru-based doctor and Centre for Health and Development Chief Executive Dr Edmond Fernandes has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Supreme Court seeking the courts intervention to direct the Ministry of Home Affairs, Gov-ernment of India and Offices of the Chief Ministers and Denai the Chief Ministers and Princi-pal Secretaries – Revenue (Dispal Secretaries – Revenue (DIs-aster Management) to take ap-propriate steps to set up advisory body at the State Dis-aster Management Authority in all the states. As per the Disaster Manage-ment Act 2005, it is mandatory to have an advisory body at the State Disaster Management Au-thority.

thority. In the PIL, Dr Fernandes Vs Union of India and others, the petitioner has prayed to the court to order the formation of such a body involving all stake-holders, like public health doc-tors, public health engineers, social scientists, architects, town planners and journalists so that disaster preparedness, re-sponse, relief and rehabilitation are effectively carried out with proper drills and capacity build-ing exercises from time to time.

The petitioner has stated in the PIL that he has been deeply moved by the tragic stories of loss and grief during disasters

as people work a lifetime to build something and nature takes it down in few minutes. The need to give attention to disaster management is long

sion if we do not prepare for addressing the grave public health issue of disaster management and prevent a watershed mo-ment for development. Disas-ters lead to disruption of health that 2015 was the hottest year on record and India was among the top three countries in the world hit by disaster and having a economic loss worth \$3.30 bil-lion. "On an average, India losses Iton.change are compelling enough
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Mangaluru based Doctor has filed a Public Interest Litigation in Supreme Court of India praying that the Hon'ble Court Direct all Chief Ministers of States in India to set up advisory bodies to State Disaster Management Authorities as per Disaster Management Act 2005, Section 17, Sub-section II.