

As Minister of State (Independent Charge), Department of Disaster Management, Govt of Bihar during 13th April 2008 to 22nd March 2009 he displayed rare courage and exemplary leadership specially in times of crisis.

- During this short stint, he **supervised one of nation's biggest rescue and relief operations for the over 3 Million People marooned by the devastating Kosi floods (August 2008)** in five districts of Bihar namely Supaul, Madhepura, Araria, Saharsa and

Purnea. This Kosi flood came to be declared as a National Calamity by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

- **Stationing himself** in the worst hit district of Araria, he personally monitored the entire relief and rescue operations. 8 Helicopters did more than 350 air sorties to airdrop over 2.5 lakh food packets and 1.5 lakh water bottles. Over 3 thousands boats work round the clock in this massive rescue and relief operation.
- He personally ensured **co-ordination between various departments under Govt. of Bihar as PHD, Health & Animal Husbandry** to pool together their resources and to bring fourth at most relief to the people in the shortest possible time. Based on his personal rapport he also **reached out to NGO's and corporate**. 300 relief camps and mega camps were established where in 2155 hand pumps and 3750 temporary toilets were built. 200 health centers and 150 veterinary centers were put in motion.
- He personally oversaw the **massive relief distribution** to the victims where 6.85 lakh quintals of grains, 1.83 lakh kits, 1.58 lakh polythene sheets and 17571.80 lakh cash was distributed as per the CRF norms of Government of India.

He conceptualized the complete plan for establishing SDRF and also initiated the allotment of land for permanent positioning of NDRF at Patna