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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Disaster Management Division)

'C' Wing, 3rd Floor, NDCC-II,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi,
Dated 6th March, 2020

To

The Chief Secretaries, All States
The Relief Commissioners/ Secretaries (DM), All States.

Subject: Review of the list of Items and Norms of expenditure from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the period 2020-21- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to say that the Award of the 15th Finance Commission (15th FC) for the year 2020-21 has been accepted by the Government of India. With the acceptance of the recommendations of the 15th FC, from 1st April 2020, the existing items and norms of assistance under SDRF/ NDRF are required to be reviewed/ modified, in conformity with the laid down procedure. Based on the recommendations of 15th FC, the expenditure from SDRF/ NDRF are required to be incurred as per the items & norms approved by the Government of India.


2. The 15th Finance Commission has made a departure from the response to mitigation aspect and recommended total amount of Rs. 28,983 crore to the States under State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF) for the year 2020-21. Out of this, the share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) shall be 80 per cent and the share of State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) 20 per cent. Within the SDRF allocation of 80 per cent, there would be three sub-allocations (a) Response and Relief (40 per cent), (b) Recovery and Reconstruction (30 per cent) and (c) Preparedness and Capacity-building (10 per cent). While the funding windows of SDRF and SDMF are not interchangeable, there could be flexibility for re-allocation within the three sub-windows of the respective Funds and such re-allocation shall not exceed 10 per cent of the allotted amount of that sub-window for 2020-21. Hence, this Ministry is preparing items & norms as well as guidelines limited to SDRF and NDRF. In the case of NDMF and SDMF, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) will frame the guidelines and two windows of recovery & reconstruction and capacity building on the mitigation fund.

3. As per the Scheme/ guideline of SDRF /NDRF, the expenditure from SDRF / NDRF are required to be incurred in accordance with the items & norms approved by an Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Home

Affairs. This matter has been considered in this Ministry and it has been decided to constitute an Expert Group to review the existing list of items and norms of assistance from SDRF/NDRF and recommend necessary revision/modifications thereon. A copy of the Office Memorandum dated 6th March, 2020 constituting the Expert Group, is enclosed.

4. The Expert Group is to deliberate this matter in detail and the first meeting in this regard is likely to be held shortly. It is requested that the suggestions of the State Governments in line with the recommendations of 15th FC, for revising the existing items and norms of assistance from SDRF/ NDRF, may kindly be sent to this Ministry latest by 12th March, 2020. This would facilitate the Expert Group to consider the suggestions made by the State Governments during the course of their deliberations. As this is an important exercise, which has to be completed within a definite time frame, we would reiterate our request to the State Governments to send their suggestions to the Ministry of Home Affairs within the stipulated time limit i.e. by 12th March, 2020.

Yours faithfully,


6.3.2020

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Encl: As above