

No. 33-05/2020-NDM-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(Disaster Management Division)

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Jai Singh Road, New Delhi,  
Dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2020  
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To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all States
2. The Relief Commissioners/ Secretaries, Department of Disaster Management of all States

Subject: Extension of validity of existing guidelines and norms of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) - regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer this Ministry's letters No. 32-7/2014-NDM-I, dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and No. 33-5/ 2015-NDM-I, dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 on the above mentioned subject.

2. In this context it is stated that the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 inter-changeable, 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.*

3. The Government of India had issued the guidelines on administration of the SDRF/ NDRF for the Award period of 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission for the period 2015-16 and will continue till further order.

4. Keeping in view of the spread of COVID-19 outbreak in India and the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Central Government's vide letter No. 33-4/2020-NDM-I, dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, by way of a special one-time dispensation, has decided to treat COVID-19 as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF on **(i)** Measures for quarantine for sample collection and screening **(ii)** Procurement of essential equipments/ labs for response to COVID-19 and **(iii)** Relief measures - provision for temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care etc. in relief camps, under the existing guidelines and norms of SDRF.

5. Pending finalization of new guidelines consequent to the Award of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, on constitution and administration of the SDRMF/ SDRF/ SD MF and norms of assistance/ expenditure for the Award period of 2020-21, it has decided to extend the validity of existing guidelines dated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and norms dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as modified on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 of SDRF for a further period of one year or till such time new guidelines/ norms are framed, whichever is earlier. This will however be subject to the recommendations of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission with regard to funding windows of SDRF and SD MF.

6. The aforesaid guidelines and norms of expenditure & further modified norms can be downloaded from website of Disaster Management Division of Ministry of Home Affairs i.e. [www.ndmindia.nic.in](http://www.ndmindia.nic.in).

7. A copy of this communication is also being sent to the Accountants Generals of the States for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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2. Controller General of all Accounts (CGA), New Delhi.
3. Controller & Auditor General (CAG), New Delhi.

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2. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Member Secretary, National disaster Management Authority, NDMA Bhawan, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.