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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Disaster Management Division)

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Dated the 7th January, 2016

To

The Chief Secretary, all States
The Relief Commissioner/ Secretaries, Department of
Disaster Management of all States.

Subject: Items and Norms of assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the period 2015-20.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 8th April, 2015 on the above mentioned subject.

2. In so far as procedure regarding release of amount from NDRF is concerned, it was stipulated in Para 3 of the aforesaid letter as follow:-

50% of SDRF balance, as on 31st March of the preceding financial year, will be adjusted while releasing the assistance from NDRF for the first disaster in a financial year. In case the same State faces another severe disaster during the same year, no adjustment will be made while releasing NDRF assistance.

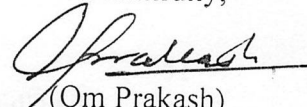
3. In this context, it is stated that the High Level Committee in their meeting held on 21.12.2015, had noted that the first charge of relief expenditure is on the SDRF and hence, there is a requirement to adjust the balance amount of the SDRF whenever NDRF amount is released. As such, it was decided that henceforth, release of assistance from NDRF will be subject to the adjustment of 50% of balance available with the State Government in the SDRF, at the point of approval/ sanction of assistance amount.

4. Accordingly, in partial modification of the aforesaid letter dated 8th April 2015 and in supersession of Para 3 thereof, the procedure stands revised as follows:-

The first charge of relief expenditure is on the SDRF and there is a requirement to adjust the balance amount of the SDRF whenever NDRF amount is released. Accordingly, release of assistance from NDRF will be subject to the adjustment of 50% of balance available with the State Government in the SDRF, at the point of approval/ sanction of assistance amount. Similarly, in the same spirit of decision taken, the same procedure would be applicable, in case the State faces another severe disaster during the same year and balance available with the State Government in the SDRF will be adjusted, at the point of approval/ sanction of assistance amount.

5. However, the manner and the procedure for calculation of the SDRF balance for the instant disaster remains the same, as explained in the Manual on 'Administration of State Disaster Response Fund and National Disaster Response Fund'.

Yours faithfully,



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