

Additional aid of ₹1,816cr for 5 disaster-hit states

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New Delhi: A high-level committee chaired by home minister Amit Shah on Monday approved additional central assistance totalling over Rs 1,816 crore to five states — Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Meghalaya and Nagaland — that were affected by floods, landslides or cloudburst during 2022.

While central assistance worth Rs 520 crore was approved for Assam from the National Disaster Response Fund, Rs 239 crore was cleared for Himachal Pradesh, Rs 941 crore for Karnataka, Rs 47 crore for Meghalaya and Rs 68 crore for Nagaland. The additional assistance is over and above the funds released by the Centre to the states in the State Disaster Response Fund, already placed at the disposal of the states.

An MHA statement on



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A 2020 picture of a flood-affected village in Assam's Morigaon district. Central assistance worth Rs 520 crore was approved for the state

Monday said that the approval "shows the resolve of the Union government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help the people of the five states who faced these natural disasters".

During the financial year 2022-23, the central government had released

Rs 15,770 crore to 25 states in their SDRF and Rs 502 crore to four states from NDRF.

The central government had earlier deputed an inter-ministerial central teams (IMCTs) to these states, immediately after the calamities, without waiting for the receipt of memorandum from them.