

Ministry of Home Affairs  
(DM Division)

**Policy decision regarding policy of adjustment of unspent balance in State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for meeting the 'instant' disaster while releasing assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).**

In the High Level Committee meeting held on 04.07.13, it was noted that the contribution to SDRF since 01.04.2010, is being made in the ratio of 75:25 for general category States and 90:10 for special category States by the Union Government and State Governments respectively, as per the recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (FC-XIII). Accordingly, it was decided that, henceforth, release of assistance from NDRF will be subject to the adjustment of 75% and 90% of balance available in the SDRF (equivalent of central contribution to SDRF) in respect of general category and special category states respectively. However, if any balance is available in SDRF for the period prior to 01.04.2010, it would be treated as per prevailing norm of 75% for all States". HLC approves the quantum of assistance from NDRF subject to the adjustment of 75% of unspent balance available in the SDRF account for the General Category States and 90% of unspent balance available in the SDRF account for the Special Category States. 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'.

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