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The Union government on Thursday released ₹493.60 crore to Andhra Pradesh and ₹450 crore to Tamil Nadu in the wake of the damage inflicted by severe cyclonic storm Michaung this week.

Apart from this, the Centre approved another tranche of ₹561.29 crore for Chennai for flood mitigation efforts.

Help for Chennai

Making the announcement on X, Union Home Minister Amit Shah posted: "Chennai is facing major floods, the third such occurring in the last eight years. We are witnessing more instances of metropolitan



Road to recovery: A textile shop worker putting out sarees for drying in north Chennai on Thursday. Many textile shops in the area got flooded under the impact of cyclone Michaung. R. RAGU

cities receiving excessive rainfall, leading to sudden flooding. Guided by a proactive approach, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji has approved the first urban flood miti-

gation project of ₹561.29 crore for 'Integrated Urban Flood Management activities for Chennai Basin Project' under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), which also includes Central assistance of ₹500 crore. This mi-

gation project will help make Chennai flood-resilient. This is the first in a series of urban flood mitigation efforts," he said.

In another post, he said many areas in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu continue to remain inundated, thus affecting standing crops. To help the State governments with the management of relief, Mr. Modi had directed the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to release in advance the Central share of the second instalment of State Disaster Response Fund "of ₹493.60 crore to Andhra Pradesh and ₹450 crore to Tamil Nadu".

"The Centre had already released the first instalment of the same amount to both States. I pray for the safety and well-being of all those affected," he said.