

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *114**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 19, 1947
(SAKA)**

ALLOCATION OF DISASTER RELIEF FUND

***114 SHRI HARIS BEERAN:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any guideline for the allocation of disaster relief fund to States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any consultation with concerned States before release of funds;

(c) the details of funds requested by Kerala for Wayanad disaster and funds allocated for the same; and

(d) the details of the findings of the Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) constituted to assess the damage caused by floods, cloudbursts, landslides, flood, heavy rainfall and flash floods in Wayanad district of Kerala for the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *114 dated 10th December, 2025.

(a) and (b): The Scheme of financing the relief expenditure under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) is based on the recommendations of the successive Finance Commissions set-up under the Article 280 of the Indian Constitution. Further, the disbursement of assistance from SDRF and NDRF is governed by the guidelines and the items and norms of assistance, which are formulated in consultation with all stakeholders, including States. These guidelines and norms of assistance of SDRF and NDRF are applied PAN India without any discrimination, and which are available on the Ministry of Home Affairs website <https://ndmindnia.mha.gov.in> .

(c) and (d): As per the National Policy on Disaster Management (NPDM), the primary responsibility for disaster management, including disbursement of relief assistance on ground level, rests with the State Governments concerned. The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, from the SDRF already placed at their disposal, in accordance with Government of India approved items and norms. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments and provides requisite logistics and financial support. Additional financial

assistance is provided from the NDRF, as per laid down procedure, in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT). The financial assistance provided under SDRF and NDRF is by the way of relief and not for compensation for losses as suffered/ claimed. The details of funds allocated and released under SDRF and NDRF to all states including Kerala is available on Disaster Management, M/o Home Affairs's website <https://ndmindia.mha.gov.in/ndmi/responsefund>.

In wake of the landslides in Wayanad, Kerala during 2024, the central government constituted an IMCT on 02.08.2024 without waiting for a memorandum from the State Government of Kerala. The team visited the affected areas from 8 August to 10 August 2024. Based on the report of the IMCT, the Government of India approved an amount of Rs. 153.47 crore *(subject to the adjustment of 50% of balance available in the SDRF account)* for the landslides, flash flood of 2024, assistance for the Air bills for utilizing the service of Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters for rescue & relief, as per actual, and actual expenditure for the clearance of debris.

Further, an amount of Rs. 388.00 crore (Rs. 291.20 crore Central Share + Rs. 96.80 crore State share) was allocated to the State Government of Kerala for the financial year 2024-25 under SDRF. The 1st instalment of Rs. 145.60

crore of Central share was released on 31.07.2024. The 2nd instalment of Rs. 145.60 crore of Central Share was also released on 01.10.2024 in advance to the State. In addition, the Accountant General, Kerala reported balance of Rs. 394.99 crore in its SDRF account as on 1st April, 2024.

Further, the State conducted Post-Disaster-Needs-Assessment (PDNA) estimating a total requirement of Rs. 2219.03 crores for Recovery & Reconstruction. The Central Government constituted a Multi-Sectoral Team (MST) for assessing the PDNA of Kerala. Based on the assessment of MST, an amount of Rs. 260.56 crore has been approved by Government of India for Recovery and Reconstruction needs for the sectors as per provisions contained in R&R funding window under NDRF for State of Kerala.

In addition, for the reconstruction and recovery activities for Wayanad landslide, amount of Rs. 249.18 crore has also been made available to the State Government under 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)'. Further, an amount of Rs. 72.00 Crore has been allotted for the State under National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project (NRMP). In addition, the State has been advised to seek the central financial assistance for activities related to Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihood as per applicable guidelines.