

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 394

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 2026
MAGHA 14, 1947 (SAKA)

**ODISHA'S REQUEST FOR FLEXIBLE NORMS UNDER THE 15TH FINANCE
COMMISSION**

394. Shri Niranjana Bishi

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering Odisha's request for flexible norms under the 15th Finance Commission to allow higher borrowing limits for disaster-prone States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b) The Union Government applies a common yardstick and generally follows the fiscal limits mandated by the accepted recommendations of the Finance Commission while exercising the power to approve borrowings by State Governments under Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to allow higher borrowing limits to disaster-prone States including the State Government of Odisha.

Further, the details of Disaster Management grants released to the State Government of Odisha based on the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission during its award period 2021-22 to 2025-26 (upto 23.01.2026) are given in the Annexure.

**Annexure referred to in the answer of part (a) to (b) Rajya Sabha Unstarred question
no. 394 for reply on 03.02.2026**

**Details regarding release of 15th Finance Commission recommended Disaster
Management grants to Government of Odisha during its award period FY 2021-22 to
FY 2025-26**

(Rs. in crore)

Components	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (upto 23.01.2026)
Grants-in-aid for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)	1283.20	1348.00	1415.20	1485.60	1560.00
Grants-in-aid for State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF)	320.80	168.50	522.30	371.40	195.00
Assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)	500.00	0.00	0.00	45.09	60.12
Assistance from National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Total	2104.00	1516.50	1937.50	1902.09	1865.12
