

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER  
  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2540**  
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

**SPECIAL POWER INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE FOR ODISHA**

**2540 DR. SANTRUPT MISRA:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the State of Odisha continues to suffer extensive damage to its power transmission and distribution infrastructure during major cyclones;
- (b) whether a proposal from Government of Odisha seeking a special power infrastructure package of ₹10,000 crore after Cyclone Yaas has been received;
- (c) whether the proposal has been examined and the outcome thereof;
- (d) the reasons for its non-sanction or delay, if any; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to reconsider the proposal or provide alternative financial assistance for resilient power infrastructure?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

**(a) to (e) :** As informed by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), State Government of Odisha vide its memorandum submitted (in July, 2021) a total loss of ₹823.48 Crores in the wake of cyclone “Yaas”, out of which ₹156.55 Crores was for electricity infrastructure.

In this regard, an Inter Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) visited the State of Odisha to assess the damages as per the State Disaster Response Fund/ National Disaster Response Fund (SDRF / NDRF) norms and recommended an amount of ₹140.64 Crores under this head. Since, sufficient funds were available in State’s SDRF account, additional financial assistance from NDRF was not provided. However, an amount of ₹500 Crores was released ‘on account’ basis from NDRF to Government of Odisha for management of relief necessitated by cyclone “Yaas”. The financial assistance provided under SDRF & NDRF is by the way of relief and not for compensation.

Further, there is no separate scheme for providing assistance to States for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for power sector. However, Disaster Resilient Infrastructure works specified in the Disaster Management Plan (DMP) for power sector issued by CEA and Disaster Resilient Works specified by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have been allowed for financial assistance under the ongoing Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) of Ministry of Power, which was launched in 2021. Under this scheme, all State-owned distribution companies (DISCOMs) and State / UT Power Departments excluding ‘private sector companies’, are eligible for financial assistance. The Government of Odisha in March, 2023 had submitted a proposal amounting to Rs. 6,284 Cr under RDSS for distribution infrastructure works, including cyclone resilient infrastructure. Since, all DISCOMs in the State of Odisha are privately owned, they are not eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

Government of Odisha has informed that there is no such formal proposal, seeking a special power infrastructure package of ₹10,000 Crore after Cyclone “Yaas”, submitted to the Government of India.

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