

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †80**

TO BE ANSWERED Monday, September 14, 2020/Bhadrapada 23, 1942 (Saka)

Release of Funds to Chattisgarh

†80. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of funds released to Chhattisgarh by the Union Government for treatment, safety measures and spreading awareness etc. regarding Covid-19 and the dates on which the said funds were released along with the objectives with which the said funds were released;
- (b) whether the Chhattisgarh Government has provided the details regarding expenditure of the said funds and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Chhattisgarh Government has sought additional funds and if so, the amount thereof; and
- (d) whether the funds have been released and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) and (b) : Keeping in view the COVID-19 pandemic, Government of India released the first installment of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) amounting to Rs.11,092 crore to the State Governments, including the Government of Chhattisgarh on 03.04.2020 in advance to strengthen the States to deal with the pandemic. An amount of Rs.216 crore has been released to the State of Chhattisgarh under SDRF. In addition, as per the information provided by the Government of Chhattisgarh, it has received an amount of Rs.67.87 crore under the National Health Mission (NHM) from March, 2020 to August, 2020. Further, the Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that it has incurred an expenditure of Rs.148.12 crore from January, 2020 to August, 2020.

(c) and (d) : The Government of Chhattisgarh has sought financial assistance of Rs.821.93 crore for the year 2020-21 for COVID-19 management. In addition, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh has asked for a consolidated grant of Rs.30000 crore. The Union Government allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to the States for the year 2020-21 and consent of 0.5% of GSDP amounting to Rs.1792 crore has already been issued to the State of Chhattisgarh to raise open market borrowing during the year 2020-21.
