

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2667**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 25, 1947
(SAKA)**

NDRF AND SDRF FUNDS FOR WEST BENGAL

2667. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated, released and utilized under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in West Bengal since 2019, district-wise;**
- (b) the details of funds specifically allocated and utilized for disaster response and preparedness in the districts of North Bengal during the same period;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for establishment of a permanent NDRF base or regional response centre in Darjeeling or Siliguri;**
- (d) if so, the details and the current status of such proposal, along with the estimated cost and timeline for implementation;**
- (e) whether there has been any delay or shortfall in release or utilization of funds under NDRF or SDRF for North Bengal and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of disaster response infrastructure in the region?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): As per the National Disaster Management Policy, the primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments concerned. For supplementing the efforts of the State Government, financial assistance is provided from the existing scheme of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in accordance with the established procedure.

No district/ region-wise funds allocation is made under SDRF. However, it is for the State Government concerned to provide necessary relief assistance to affected people from SDRF already placed at its disposal in accordance with Government of India approved items & norms, in the event of a natural disaster through their established channel of district administrative machineries in accordance with the magnitude of the ground situation. The entire exercise requires adhering to the established procedure envisaged in the NDRF/ SDRF guidelines, which is accessible on the Ministry's website: www.ndmindia.mha.gov.in. The Central share of SDRF is released in two equal instalments, first in June and the second in December subject to fulfillment of conditions of the guidelines including information relating to crediting of earlier released funds and statement of expenditure. Financial assistance in the event of natural disasters is by way of relief and not for compensation of loss claimed.

In order to supplement the efforts of State, the Central Government had released the following funds from SDRF/ NDRF to the State Government of West Bengal for management of relief necessitated by notified natural disasters during 2019-20 to 2025-26 are given as under:

Year	Allocation under SDRF	Centre's share of released	(Rs. in crore) Released from NDRF
2019-20	628.00	650.40	958.33
2020-21	1078.40	808.80	2250.28
2021-22	1078.40	808.80	350.13
2022-23	1132.80	849.60	0.00
2023-24	1189.60	892.00	0.00
2024-25 #	1248.00	936.00	0.00
2025-26 (as on 09.12.2025)	1311.20	491.60	0.00

In addition, an amount of Rs. 84.77 crore released from NDRF for expansion and modernization of fire services in the State.

As per the scheme of SDRF/ NDRF, the State Government is responsible to ensure that money drawn from the SDRF (including central assistance from NDRF) is actually utilized for the purposes for which it was released, only on specified items of expenditure and as per norms approved by the Government

of India. State Accountant General is required to monitor the expenditure as per the items and norms of assistance. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India causes audit of SDRF every year in terms of the scheme of the SDRF.

With regard to establishment of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) base, it is informed that NDRF has established a permanent Regional Response Centre (RRC) at Siliguri where adequate teams are placed permanently for rapid deployment in North Bengal including Darjeeling, as per operational needs.
