

**PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**UNION MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COOPERATION, SHRI  
AMIT SHAH APPROVES RELEASE BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF 2<sup>ND</sup>  
INSTALLMENT OF CENTRAL SHARE OF STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND (SDRF)**

**THIS STEP OF THE MODI GOVERNMENT WILL FACILITATE STATE  
GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS IN THEIR SDRF TO MEET EXPENSES  
ON GRANTING EX-GRATIA TO NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED DUE TO COVID-19**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAD ISSUED ORDER ON 25.09.2021, REVISING ITEMS  
AND NORMS OF ASSISTANCE UNDER SDRF, MAKING A PROVISION FOR GRANT  
OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT TO NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED DUE TO COVID-19**

**ENABLING PROVISION MADE TO IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES ISSUED BY  
NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NDMA) IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH ORDER PASSED BY HON'BLE SUPREME COURT**

**September 30, 2021**

Government of India had issued an order on 25.09.2021, revising the items and norms of assistance under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), making therein a provision for grant of ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the deceased due to Covid-19. This enabling provision in SDRF norms has been made so as to implement the guidelines issued by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on 11.09.2021 in compliance with the order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in WPs (Civil No.539/2021 & 554/2021) dated 30.06.2021.

This step of the Modi Government will facilitate State Governments to have enough funds in their SDRF. The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah has approved release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment of the Central share of the SDRF amounting to **Rs 7,274.40 crore**, in advance, to 23 States. 5 States have already been released, in advance, the 2nd instalment amounting to **Rs 1,599.20 crore**.

The State Governments will now have an amount of **Rs 23,186.40 crore** in their SDRF including State's share, during the financial year 2021-22, in addition to the amount of opening balance available in their SDRF, to meet the expenses for granting ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased due to COVID-19 and for providing relief on other notified calamities.

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