

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 23rd April, 2024

No. RDG.74/2014/137 -The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Letter F.No.33-03/2020-NDM-I(Vol-II), dated 10th October, 2022 has defined the Items and Norms of assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the period 2022-2023 to 2025-2026. As per Para D, for the State Specific Disasters, the following has been approved:

D. State Specific Disasters	
Items	Norms of Assistance
State specific disasters within the local context in the State, which are not included in the notified list of disasters eligible for assistance from SDRF/NDRF, can be met from SDRF within the limit of 10% of the annual funds allocation of respective window of the SDRF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure is to be incurred from SDRF only (and not from NDRF), as assessed by the State Executive Committee (SEC).• The norm for various items will be the same as applicable to other notified natural disasters, as listed above, or• In these cases, the scale of relief assistance against each item for 'local disaster' should not exceed the norms of SDRF.• The flexibility is to be applicable only after the State has formally listed the disasters for inclusion and notified transparent norms and guidelines within a clear procedure for identification of the beneficiaries for disaster relief for such local disasters, with the approval of SEC.

2. In addition to the above, Point No.3.2 of the Office Memorandum No.33-03/2021-NDM-I dated 12.01.2022 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, states as follows:

*'A State Government may use up to 10% fund of the annual allocation of the SDRF for providing immediate relief to the victims of natural disasters that they consider to be 'disasters' within the **local context** in the State and which are not included in the notified list of disasters of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) subject to the condition that the State Government has listed the State specific natural disasters and notified clear and transparent norms and guidelines for such disasters with the approval of the State Authority i.e. the State Executive Committee (SEC). Any amount spent by the State for such disasters over and above the ceiling would be borne out of its own resources and would be subject to the same accounting norms'.*

3. In view of the above, as per the Notification of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department vide No.RDG.74/2014/41, dated 22nd July, 2015, **“Lightning Strike”** has been already declared as State Disaster/Local Disaster and covered for relief assistance as per SDRF Norms.
4. Now, in addition to the above, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to declare the followings as State Disaster/ Local Disaster:
- a. **“Drowning”**, that is, death caused due to **drowning in the rivers, ponds, wells and waterfalls as well as drowning due to floods/flash floods** as State Disaster/ Local Disaster. However, there is a need to differentiate between such death due to natural disaster/accident and death due to suicide or any criminal act. For this purpose, following procedure is to be followed:
 - i. There would be an inquest conducted in all such cases by an officer not less than a rank of an Executive Magistrate.
 - ii. The police would conduct an enquiry and take statements of public, as deemed fit, to ascertain circumstances that led to the death of the victim.
 - iii. The assistance would not be given in case the death is due to suicide or any criminal act.
 - iv. The decision of the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district would be final in this regard.
5. The payment will be made as per the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, letter no. F.No.33-03/2020-NDM-I(Vol-II), dated 10th October, 2022 which has defined the Items and Norms of assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the period 2022 - 2023 to 2025-2026 and as amended from time to time.
6. The expenditure on account of the above declared State Disasters/Local Disasters would be met from under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) Account Head -2245-Relief on Account of Natural Calamities.

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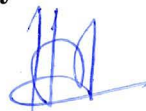
(Sanjay Goyal, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

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1. P.S to the Chief Minister, for information of the Chief Minister.
2. P.S to the Deputy Chief Minister (s) for information of the Deputy Chief Minister (s).
3. P.S to Minister In-charge, Revenue & Disaster Management Department for information of the Minister.
4. PS to all the Ministers for information of the Minister.
5. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong
6. P.S to Chairman, State Planning Board for information of the Chairman, State Planning Board
7. P.S to Chief Secretary for information of the Chief Secretary
8. The National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India, New Delhi.
9. The Executive Director, State Disaster Management Authority.
10. All the Members of the State Executive Committee (SEC).
11. All Administrative Departments/All Heads of the Departments.
12. All Deputy Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers.
13. The State Informatic Officer, NIC Shillong for uploading on the State Government Website.
14. Guard File.

By Order etc,



Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
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