

## State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)

### Why in News?

Recently, the Union government has permitted the Kerala government to utilize Rs.120 crore from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for rehabilitation measures at Wayanad.

- **SDRF** - It is the **primary fund available with State Governments** for responses to notified disasters.
- **Established in** - 2005, under Section 48 (1) (a) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Home Affairs.

<b>Disasters covered under SDRF</b>	Cyclone
	Drought
	Earthquake
	Fire
	Flood
	Tsunami
	Hailstorm
	Landslide
	Avalanche
	Cloudburst
	Pest Attack
	Frost
	Cold Waves

- **Immediate relief** - SDRF shall be used only for meeting the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims.
- **Funding** - It is based on the **recommendations of the Financial Commissions**.
- **Contributions to the fund** - It is made by the Central Government and State Governments to all the states.
  - **For all states except North-Eastern and Himalayan States** - The contribution is made by the Central Government and State Governments in the ratio of **75:25**.
  - **For North-Eastern and Himalayan States** - The contribution is in the ratio **90:10** for union government and states.
  - The Himalayan states includes Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir.
- **2 equal installments** - The annual central contribution is released in 2 equal installments as per the recommendation of the Finance Commission.

- **Local Disasters** - A State Government may use up to 10% of the funds available under the SDRF, which they consider to be 'disasters' within the local context in the State.
- They are *not included in the notified list of disasters of the Ministry of Home Affairs* and should be a listed state specific natural disasters of a state.
- **State specific natural disasters** - 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 Authority (SEC)***.

## References

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