

No. 33-4/2020-NDM-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(Disaster Management Division)

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To  
The Chief Secretaries  
(All States)

**Subject: Items and Norms of assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund  
(SDRF) in wake of COVID-19 Virus Outbreak**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer this Ministry's letter No. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 on the above mentioned subject and to enclose herewith *partially modified* list of items and norms of assistance for containment of COVID-19 Virus in India, eligible from SDRF.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Copy to AS(UT), MHA for making similar provisions for utilization of UT Disaster Response Funds by the Union Territories.

CC for information: PS to HM/MOS(N)/HS

**Annexure to Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14.03.2020  
Modified List of items & norms of assistance from State Disaster Response Fund  
(SDRF) in the wake of COVID-19 virus outbreak**

Sl. No.	ITEMS	NORMS OF ASSISTANCE
1.	<p><b>Measures for quarantine, sample collection and screening:</b></p> <p>(a) Provision for temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, etc. for people affected and sheltered in quarantine camps (other than home quarantine) or for cluster containment operations.</p> <p>(b) Cost of consumables for sample collection.</p> <p>(c) Support for checking, screening and contact tracing.</p>	<p>As per actual expenditure and as per the assessment of need by State Executive Committee (SEC), to ensure the effective containment of outbreak for a period upto 30 days. The SEC will decide the number of quarantine camps, their duration and the number of persons in such camps.</p> <p><i>This period can be extended by the SEC beyond the prescribed limit subject to condition that expenditure on this account should not exceed 25% of SDRF allocation for the year.</i></p> <p>Medical care may also be provided from National Health Mission (NHM).</p>
2.	<p><b>Procurement of essential equipments/labs for response to COVID-19:</b></p> <p>a) Cost of setting up additional testing laboratories within the Government and the cost of consumables.</p> <p>(b) Cost of personal protection equipment for healthcare, municipal, police and fire authorities.</p> <p>(c) Cost of Thermal Scanners, ventilators, air purifiers, and consumables for Government hospitals.</p>	<p>Expenditure is to be incurred from SDRF only (and not from NDRF), as assessed by the State Executive Committee (SEC) to strengthen the surveillance and control measures against COVID-19 virus outbreak.</p> <p>Total expenditure on equipment should not exceed 10 % of the annual allocation of the SDRF</p>

Note:-

- SEC shall ensure overall oversight mechanism so that no duplication takes place with reference to other Government schemes.
- Any amount spent by the State for COVID-19, over and above the ceiling, would be borne out of the resources of the State Government and not from SDRF.

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14/3/2020