

Recommendation of 13th Finance Commission

- a) **State Disaster Response Fund:** Section 46(I) and Section 48(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 stipulate the constitution of a National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) at the National and State levels respectively. The Government of India has notified the constitution of the NDRF vide its Gazette notification, Extraordinary Part-II-Section-3-Sub-Section (ii) No. 1995 dated 28.09.2010. The Thirteenth Finance Commission has made provision for funds for SDRF in its recommendations which has been accepted by the Government of India. As advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide letter No: 32-3/2010-NDM-I, Haryana has constituted the State Disaster Response Fund.
- b) **Capacity Building for Disaster Response:** 13th Finance Commission has observed that effective disaster response requires trained manpower to deal with complex situations where effective and speedy handling reduces the impact of a disaster on human life and property. Therefore it is necessary to continuously undertake measures to build capacity amongst those responsible for disaster response and augmenting public awareness. Accordingly, 13th Finance Commission has recommended a grant of Rs. 525 crore for building capacity within the administrative machinery for better handling of disaster response and for preparation of district and state level disaster management plans as envisaged under the Disaster Management Act of 2005 (DM Act). Haryana state being is allocated Rs. 5 crore for capacity building in DM.
- c) **Revamping of Fire Services:** As per recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission Report, a grant of ` 87,519 crore is allocated to Urban Local Bodies, a portion of which is available for revamping of fire services within their respective jurisdictions. These bodies could provide financial support to the State Fire Services Department towards this objective. The States will be eligible to draw their share from the grant only if they comply with nine conditions. One of these conditions is "All municipal corporations with a population of more than 1 million (2001 census) must put in place fire hazard response and mitigation plan for their respective areas." For strengthening Fire Services, Haryana is being allocated Rs. 100 crore.