No. 33-4/2020-NDM-I Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Proces Health Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001 Dated 14.03.2020 To The Chief Secretaries Con-(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. 32-7/2014 dated 8th April, 2015 on the

above mentioned subject.

2. The Central Government, keeping in view the spread of COVID-19 Virus in India and the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), by way of a special one time dispensation, has decided to treat it as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF. A list of items and norms of assistance for containment of COVID-19 Virus in India, eligible from SDRF is annexed.

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

List of items & norms of assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) in the wake of COVID-19 virus outbreak

SI. No.	ITEMS	NORMS OF ASSISTANCE
1.	Ex-Gratia payment to families of deceased persons.	Rs.4.00 lakh per deceased person including those
2.	Covid-19 positive person requiring hospitalization.	Cost of hospitalization for managing COVID-19 patient at rates fixed by the State Government.
3.	Measures for quarantine, sample collection and screening:  (a) Provision for temporary	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
	accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, etc.	number of quarantine camps, their duration and the number of persons in such camps.
	for people affected and sheltered in quarantine camps (other than home quarantine) or for cluster containment operations.	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.
	(b) Cost of consumables for sample collection.	
	(c) Support for checking, screening and contact tracing.	Medical care may also be provided from National Health Mission (NHM).
	Procurement of essential equipments/labs for response to COVID-19:  a) Cost of setting up additional testing laboratories within the Government and the cost of consumables.	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.
		Total expenditure on equipment should not exceed 10 % of the annual allocation of the SDRF

Note:- 1. SEC shall ensure overall oversight mechanism so that no duplication takes place with reference to other Government schemes.

2. 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.