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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Disaster Management Division)

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Inclusion of cold wave / frost as an eligible natural calamity in the guidelines for relief assistance under the SDRF/ NDRF- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer this Ministry's OM of even number dated 28th September 2010 regarding guidelines on constitution and administration of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). The Government of India has approved the inclusion of cold wave/ frost in the list of eligible calamity for assistance from SDRF and NDRF.

2. As such in addition to the natural calamities listed in the Para 3 and Para 3.1 of the Guidelines of SDRF/ NDRF respectively, the cold-wave/ frost may also be added to the list of eligible calamities for financial assistance from SDRF/ NDRF.

3. However, following condition/ criteria stipulated as under will be taken into account while considering the assistance from SDRF/ NDRF for the calamity of cold wave / frost:-

- a) Severe cold wave conditions would be said to prevail in an area :
 - (i) If minimum temperature is lower than 7⁰ C in an area where normal minimum temperature is 10⁰ C or above; and
 - (ii) If minimum temperature is lower than 5⁰ C in an area where normal minimum temperature is less than 10⁰ C.
- b) Frost conditions would be said to prevail when temperature falls below 0⁰C in an area where it is an abnormal phenomenon during the kharif/ rabi season.
- c) For declaring a district affected by frost/ cold wave conditions by the State Government concerned, the meteorological data on departure of normal minimum temperature in the affected area, as released by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) shall be taken into consideration, for prevalence of frost/ cold wave conditions.
- d) Areas which suffer crop loss of 50% or more by cold wave/frost conditions will be eligible for assistance from SDRF/ NDRF, as is now allowed in the case of damage due to drought, hailstorm, pest attack and other natural calamities. Similarly, animal husbandry, including poultry sector, would get assistance from SDRF/ NDRF in the wake of cold wave/frost.

- e) The composition of the Central Team will be same as the Central Team constituted for the purpose of drought/hailstorm. The Central Team would make a field visit for assessment of damage to agriculture and horticulture production due to cold wave/ frost and shall take into consideration of all concomitant factors such as crops cutting experiment, fall in normal production, Normalized Differential Vegetation Index (NDVI) status of crops in the affected area, crops sown in the area affected, the vulnerability of the cold wave/ frost on standing agriculture/ horticulture crops etc. in the guidelines. The Ministry of Agriculture will be the nodal Ministry for natural calamity of cold wave/ frost.
4. This order will come into force prospectively with immediate effect.



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