

Disaster Management Department
Govt. of West Bengal
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NOTIFICATION

After constitution of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, it has become imperative to invest administrative/executive/financial powers to it for administration of Disaster Management activities as envisaged under section 26 (XXXV) of the Act. The Dept. of Disaster Management administers the State Disaster Response Fund under which financial assistance is provided for temporary repair of infrastructure relating to:

- i) Roads & bridges
- ii) Drinking water supply
- iii) Irrigation
- iv) Immediate restoration of electricity supply in affected area
- v) Primary education
- vi) Primary health centers and
- vii) Community assets owned by Panchayats to restore relief connectivity only.

In order to empower the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration to undertake such immediate repair of infrastructure damaged by natural calamities like fire, flood, cyclone, earthquake, hailstorm, landslide, Tsunami, avalanche and cloud burst, etc., the following procedure will be followed:

- i) Proposal for sanction of fund from the State Disaster Response Fund for undertaking temporary reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by acknowledged natural calamities will be sent by the Principal Secretary in prescribed format to the Department of Disaster Management for sanction from the State Disaster Response Fund.
- ii) State Executive Committee of the State Government as constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 [Act No. 53 of 2005]

- (c) Member of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration of the area or his authorised representative;
- (d) Leader of the Opposition in that municipality or in absence of such member there will be no such Member.
- iv. The Member of GTA will be one of the members of the Advisory Committee for preparation of the priority list;
- v. The SDO will approve the priority list of beneficiaries after finalisation of claims and objections and send the proposal for allotment of House Building Grant to Principal Secretary GTA;
- vi. The comprehensive proposal for sanction of House Building Grant will be sent by the Principal Secretary, GTA to the Department of Disaster Management, with a copy to the District Magistrate, Darjeeling
- vii. Government would place necessary fund at the disposal of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, which would arrange distribution through the Block Development Officer in respect of rural areas and Chairperson of Municipalities in Urban areas.

2. Economic Rehabilitation Grant

- i. Members of GTA in Blocks will be consulted by the Block Development Officer before finalizing the lists of beneficiaries in rural areas;
- ii. BDO will send the proposal for rural areas to the Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration;
- iii. In urban areas, Chairperson of a municipality would consult with the Members of GTA and the Sub Divisional Disaster Management Officer for finalizing the list of applicants;
- iv. Chairperson of a Municipality would send the proposal for sanction of ER Grant to the Principal Secretary, GTA for municipal areas;
- v. The Screening Committee for finalizing the proposals will comprise the following:
- (a) Chief Executive as the chairperson;
- (b) Additional District Magistrate in charge of Disaster Management as member;
- (c) Executive Director of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration in charge of Disaster Management as convener of the Committee;
- (d) One lady Member of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration as member.