Kerala Needs to Wait for Centre's Full Aid Package

The central govt had released ₹600 crore as an immediate relief measure on August 21

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upon being satisfied that exigencies of a particular calamity so warrant, may recommend an earlier release of the central share but that too up to just 25% of the funds due to the state in the following year.

But this release will be adjusted against the instalments of the subsequent year.

Similarly, for getting relief from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), the state government will have to first submit a memoran-

dum showing sector-wise damage with proper justification for requirement of funds and then it is assessed whether a case for additional assistance from NDRF is made out under the existing guidelines. This itself is a time-consuming exercise for a state that is still trying to recover from the disaster, the official said.

An official statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs, which was issued on August 23 gime minister, will approve the quantum of relief to be released from the NDRF.

The release of assistance from NDRF will be subject to adjustment of 50% of the balance in the SDRF as on March 31 of the preceding financial year. Upon the approval of the committee. the Ministry of Finance will release assistance from the

NDRF to the state.

Anti-Infiltration Body Seeks Probe in Names of Foreigners on NRC

Guwahati: The Prabajan Virodhi Manch (PVM), a forum against infiltration, on Sunday demanded investigation on alleged inclusion of names of illegal immigrants in the final draft of National Register of Citizens (NRC) which was published recently.

The forum claimed that Assam has around 40 lakh illegal immigrants and NPL Im Dauori, Karimganj and South Sala-mara districts, only around 7.49% appli-cants were excluded, whereas the decadal growth rate of population in these border districts was recorded at over 22% between 2001-11, while a tribal district like Karbi Anglong has an exclusion rate of 17.4% in the NRC final draft," he added.

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