

Proceeding of the 26th Meeting of HP State Executive Committee (SEC) constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 held on 27th September 2025 at 02.30 PM in CS Committee Room, HP Secretariat, Shimla under the Chairmanship of Sh. Prabodh Sexena, Chief Secretary-cum- Chairman State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.

List of participants (enclosed as Annexure-A)

At the outset, the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Pant welcomed the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, SEC, all the members of SEC, and officers of the stakeholder department who were present in the meeting. Thereafter, the Director-cum- Ex Officio Special Secretary (Rev-DM) to the GoHP, Shri DC Rana, presented the agenda to the SEC and SEC took up the agenda items for discussion. Record of discussion is as under:

Agenda Item No. 26.1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 25th Meeting of SEC held on 21st Feb 2025

2. The minutes of last meetings of the SEC held on 21st Feb 2025, were placed before the SEC for the confirmation. The SEC was informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated to all concerned. No objections/comments have been received from any quarter.

Decision: -

3. The minutes of the 25th meeting of State Executive Committee held on 21st February 2025 were noted and confirmed.

Agenda Items No. 26.2: Action Taken Report on Various Directions issued by the State Executive Committee in its 20th 21st, 23rd, 24th and 25th Meeting:

4. The SEC reviewed the ATR and issued further directions as recorded in the table

Agenda Item No of SEC Meeting	Agenda Description & Discussions and Last Decision of SEC	Decisions taken in SEC Meeting	Action Taken Report
9.18/20.2	White Paper on Earthquake Risk Reduction	A DO from the ACS (Revenue) to the Government of HP may be sent to all Secretaries and HODs requesting them to file their compliance on the action points stated in the white paper on Earthquake Risk Reduction within a month. The compliance report is to	The matter may be listed in COS.

		be presented in the next SEC meeting. The D.O. letter has been issued vide no. REV (DMC)-4-4/2019/Earthquake EWS Dated 29.01.2025 to all the Administrative Secretaries. <u>Action Taken Report</u> ATR is still awaited from Departments and district. Reminder has been issued.	
9.22/20.2/21.2	Need of regulation of construction in rural areas.	Rural Area Development Guidelines, aimed to regulating construction activities in the rural areas of the State, has submitted for approval of the Hon'ble Cabinet Committee of the HP-Govt. ATR awaited from RD Department. Director, RD may share update during the meeting. RD department was asked to expedite the process of notifying the Bye-Laws. <u>Action Taken Report</u> The RDD has informed that the matter has been referred to the CMM and decision in the matter is awaited.	The Department of RDD needs to ensure timely decision and implementation of building regulations in the rural areas to promote safe construction practices.
20.6.21.02	Raising SDRF and setting up NDRF	The Police Department has not completed the recruitment process. The latest status of the points discussed on 21.08.2024 in the meeting of ACS (Reven & Home) may be presented in the next SEC meeting by DGP Construction of HQ and RRC of NDRF is yet to start. <u>Action Taken Report</u> ATR submitted by HPSDRF vide letter no. HPSRF/MoM/2024-25-831 dated 25th Feb 2025.	DGP may provide sanctioned manpower to the SDRF. ACS Home may hold review with DGP and DGP HHG, FS, Civil Defence and SDRF to review the ATR of last review. Follow up of the decisions of the meeting held with DG NDRF may on 18th September be ensured.

		Latest status of Police recruitment and deployment of more policemen to SDRF is needed from SDRF. Review Meeting proposed on NDRF HQ issue and matter discussed on 18th September. The matter regarding construction of NDRF campuses was discussed on 18th September with DG NDRF.	
20.7/21.07	Establishment of EWS by the Specified Dam Authorities as per guidelines 2015 and as per provision of DAM Safety Act 2021.	The DoE was directed to provide the status of EWS installed by all the 23 Dams in accordance with CWC guidelines. & DAM Safety Act 2021. Information is still awaited from the Directorate of Energy. DOE may make a presentation in the meeting. The Chair directed to the DOE to issue necessary directions to all the Dam Authorities to install the EWS as the Dam Safety Act and CWC Guidelines. Latest status of installation be shared with DMC. <u>Action Taken Report</u> ATR shared by the DOE is noted.	The DOE may ensure installation of EWS by remaining dams by 30 November and share status with DMC, Department of Revenue.
8.16/21.2	Structural/Safety Audit of Lifeline Buildings: The retrofitting work for lifeline buildings has been allocated to six institutions.	The Committee was Constituted on 30th October 2024 and two meetings were held on 19th November and 03rd December 2024. The file has now been submitted to the Authority with a detailed note for the approval to sign the MoU with NIT, Hamirpur and to get the fresh dates of the meetings to discuss the matter with other technical institutions. The Chair was directed to complete the process of signing of MOU with other technical institutions. <u>Action Taken Report</u> ATR shared is noted.	The training and capacity building of Engineers and Architects may continue. The services of trained Engineers and Architects may be utilised for earthquake retrofitting. Besides, the DMC may take on board more technical institutions and experts/ expert agencies to accelerate action on this issue.
21.16	Institutionalizing GO-NGO Coordination in	Finalization of RFP to hire consultant/ Organization is in progress.	The agenda item may be dropped.

	Himachal Pradesh for effective DRR.	The chair directed to expedite the process at earliest. <u>Action Taken Report</u> A Short-Term Consultancy has been initiated to conduct an Organizational Capacity Building Assessment of Government Organizations (GOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Volunteer Organizations engaged in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Management (DM) across Himachal Pradesh. A consultancy firm has been engaged for this purpose, and the work is currently in progress.	
23.3	Mitigation Chronic Landslide Hazards in Himachal Pradesh	The PWD department was asked to prioritize mitigation 97 chronic landslide sites (that require approximately Rs. 300 Cr for DPR preparation) based on vulnerability. Report is awaited from EnC, HPPWD. The SEC directed to PWD to submit proposal to prepared DPRs. <u>Action Taken Report</u> Proposal from the EnC PWD is awaited. However, the SDMA has submitted PPR under National Landslide Risk Mitigation program to Rs. 139 cr. to NDMA. Four districts namely Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur and Chamba have been selected under first phase of the Programme.	EnC PWD shall expedite action and prioritise most vulnerable landslides for mitigation/ treatment.
24.3	GLOF Risk Mitigation Approval was accorded for the submission of the DPR to NDMA to seek financial support under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund as proposed.	DPR was submitted to NDMA vide letter no Rev. (DMC)(C)2-2/2022 SDMF dated 28. 10. 2024. <u>Action Taken Report</u> NDMA has approved GLOF Risk Mitigation Program Amounting Rs. 35 Cr. First instalment of Rs. 10.5 Cr. has also been released and DMC is in the process of implementing the project. However, the	DMC may hire experts to steer the program.

		PMU facing challenges to implement the project in view of lack of expertise.	
24.4	Improving Weather Observation and Monitoring Network in the State to improve Early Warning.	The SEC has approved the project for installing 48 AWS in the State and sanction has been issued to the JSV (Hydrology Division). MoU has also been signed with IMD for data sharing. The proposal is to be covered under the AFD DRRP. <u>Action Taken Report</u> The project is held up due to conducting of Social and Environment Study.	Social and Environment Study may be conducted on priority basis.
24.5	Implementation of Recommendations made in CDRI Report for 2 Roads of Shimla Town. 1) Kennedy Chowk to Annandale Helibase. 2) Panthaghati-Crossing along the NH	DPRs awaited from PWD and NHAI. The CE PWD informed that PPR of PWD road has been submitted to DDMA Shimla and DPR from NH is awaited and would be submitted within next week. The DDMA Shimla was asked to examine the PPR. NH be directed to prepare PPR/DPR. Action taken on short and medium terms measures be also shared by PWD and NH. <u>Action Taken Report</u> DPR of Kennedy Chowk to Annandale Helibase has been prepared by PWD and submitted to DDMA through SDMF portal. on dated 29/11/2024 amounting to Rs. 5.48 crore. In this regard, Observation raised by DDMA has been attended and revised DPR amounting to Rs. 8.14 Cr. has been prepared and will be submitted to DDMA by 08.07.2025 by the Public Works Department.	The SEC took note of the action Taken. RO NHAI was requested to consider to provide funds for the DPR of Panthaghati- Crossing along the NH prepared and submitted to HPSDMA Vide CE (NH) letter No: 7549-53 dated 20.03.2025 amounting to Rs. 9.64 crore by PWD as this section of road falls under NHAI.

		DPR of Panthaghati- Crossing along the NH has been prepared and submitted to HPSDMA Vide CE (NH) letter No: 7549-53 dated 20.03.2025 amounting to Rs. 9.64 crore by PWD. In this regard, Vide DC Shimla letter dated 14.04.2025 it is informed that NHAI/NH Authorities may be asked to prepared DPR and mobilise the funds at their own level, as directed in the 24th State Executive Committee meeting held on 5th October 2024. Outcome is awaited from NHAI.	
24.16	Understanding the Cloudburst Events over Himachal Pradesh during the Monsoon Season in Changing Climate.	Approval accorded to sing MoU with IITM Pune to conduct the study. Approval and request to draft MOU shared with IITM Pune vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F) 4-2/2019-Flood dated 27.01.2025. <u>Action Taken Report</u> IITM has shared MoU for signing so that the study can be initiated. The matter is pending for decision. A requested letter has also been shared through email to Col. K. P. Singh, Advisor (Ops & Comn), regarding to clarification on inclusion of cloud burst study in recent or upcoming research which MSCT constituted by MHA may propose.	The DMC may follow up with NDMA and if the study component cannot be covered by them, the same may be funded from DMC and MoU signed with IITM Pune as already approved by the SEC.
25.10	Proposal for procurement and Installation of HAM Radio Equipment and SEOC and DDMA Shimla.	SEC accorded the approval to purchase and provide Ham Radios in all EOCs where trained manpower is available. Staff of other departments such as Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire Services, SDRF may also be trained in operating Ham Radios. The SEC directed that the exam for issuing licenses for HAM Radio be conducted more frequently.	.Action taken was noted and agenda item was dropped.

		SEC suggested that there is need to motivate more and more candidates to appear in the exams for licenses of HAM Radio operators so that disaster communication can be strengthened through community participation. <u>Action Taken Report</u> A committee under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (Rev. DM) was constituted to finalize the technical specifications. The specifications have since been finalized, and the procurement of the instrument has been initiated and is currently under process. Under the scheme, three batches comprising 134 participants, including volunteers and officials from the Home Guard, Fire Services, and SDRF, have been trained by HPSDMA. Of these, 89 individuals successfully qualified for the HAM Radio licensing examination conducted by the WPC, Jalandhar, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.	
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New Agenda Items

Agenda Item No. 26.3: Proposal for Consideration under the P&CB Fund: -

5. The SEC was apprised that various proposals were received from different Departments and Districts for consideration under the Preparedness & Capacity Building Fund of the SDRF. The following proposals have been recommended by the Sub-Committee constituted as per the guidelines for the constitution and administration of the Preparedness and Capacity Building funding window under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), as detailed below:

Agenda Item No.	Proposing Agency	Proposal	Funds Recommended by the Sub Committee
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1	Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman DDMA Sirmaur	Regarding allocation of funds under head Capacity Building, Misc. funds for DEOC and Awareness Generation.	₹10.0 Lakhs
2	Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman DDMA Kangra	Allocation of Funds for FY 2025–26 for Capacity Building, EOC Maintenance, and Awareness Initiatives	₹77.0 Lakhs
3	Member Secretary – HIMCOSTE	To provide financial assistance to setup demonstration park on the safe construction practices in Appropriate Technology Centre (ATC), Shahpur in the premises of ITI Shahpur, District Kangra.	₹10.0 Lakhs
4	The Member Secretary – HIMCOSTE	Project proposal on “Rapid Damage Assessment using Remote Sensing (RS) and GIS for the Monsoon Period in Himachal Pradesh 2025”	₹5.75 Lakhs
5	The Director, MSHIPPA	Regarding proposal for providing funds under Capacity Building for the Financial Year 2025- 2026.	₹61.80 Lakhs
6	Allocation of Funds to implement Scheme notified by the state government on dated 11 th July 2025 titled as “Strengthening of Disaster Risk Reduction and Coordination at Local Level (Panchayat Emergency Response Centre)” for the state of Himachal Pradesh.		₹22.20 Cr (40% (₹8.88 crore) in the first phase, and the remaining 60% (₹13.32 crore) as the second instalment upon submission of the Utilization Certificate (UC).
7	ADG – cum – Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF	Regarding requirement of Hardware & Software for designated response centres in Home Guard Department.	₹1.06 Cr.
8	ADG – cum – Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF	Budget proposal under P&CB window for the procurement and installation of Civil Defense Warning Sirens and Proposal for outreach programs on disaster preparedness and proposal for funds for outreach programs on disaster preparedness.	₹2.62 Cr.

9	ADG – cum – Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF through	Regarding grant of funds for prefabricated Lecture Hall at Fire Training Centre Baldeyan, Shimla, HP to facilitate the fire personnel community awareness programmes conducted by the Fire Services Department.	₹15.0 Lakhs
10	The Commissioner, MC – Mandi	To strengthen the disaster response capacity of Municipal Corporation Mandi, it is requested to allocate budget for the procurement of the SAR equipment.	₹8.52 Lakhs

6. Proceedings of the Sub Committee dated 6th August 2025 placed at annexure was seen. The DMC has an amount of Rs. 90.24 Cr available under P&CB window out of which 20.92 Cr has been released and Rs. 41.56 Cr is still available for utilisation.

Decision:

7. The State Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and release of funds to the concerned DDMA's/ Departments. The Chairman stated that when equipment is distributed in a blanket manner at many places they are not properly looked after. The proposal at Sr. No.6 and the amount against the proposal is agreed in principle, but the DM Cell must involve all stakeholders to ensure their commitment to the programme and roll out the scheme in a phased manner, depending on the felt need.

Agenda No. 26.4 Proposal for Establishment of State Disaster Relief Reserve (SDRR) Store submitted by Director General – cum – Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF.

8. The SEC was apprised that in view of the alarming increase in the frequency and intensity of disasters in Himachal Pradesh recent years, there is an urgent need to strengthen the State's capacity for prompt and effective disaster response. The districts such as Mandi, Kullu, Shimla, and Kangra have been repeatedly and severely impacted by floods, cloudbursts, and landslides during recent monsoon seasons, resulting in widespread loss of life, destruction of property, and disruption of essential infrastructure. The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) and corroborated by national disaster assessment agencies, highlight critical gaps in rapid logistics, pre-positioning of resources, and relief deployment mechanisms currently available with the State. There is, therefore, a pressing need to decentralize emergency resources and ensure swift, localized responses during emergencies.

9. Against this backdrop, the SDRF has proposed to establish a State Disaster Relief Reserve (SDRR) Store in line with the National Disaster Relief Reserve (NDRR) Store maintained by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The primary objective of the SDRR Store will be to serve as a central repository of essential relief materials—such as tents, blankets, collapsible shelters, stretchers, emergency lighting equipment, water purification units, inflatable boats, and other critical emergency supplies—kept in a state of readiness for immediate deployment to disaster-affected areas. The SEC was further apprised that the SDRF has submitted preliminary proposal, and detailed proposal is still awaited. Kangra, Mandi, and Shimla districts are proposed as key locations for establishing SDRR Stores, considering their high disaster vulnerability and strategic geographical accessibility from various parts of the State. These centrally positioned districts will ensure swift dispatch of essential relief materials to severely affected areas during emergencies. Subsequently, additional stores may also be established in other vulnerable districts. Locating the store in Mandi will significantly improve the strategic reach, speed, and effectiveness of the State's disaster relief operations.

10. Such stores are needed to deal with frequent and large-scale disasters affecting large number of people at regular intervals. The SEC may consider to accord in-principle approval to the proposal of the SDRF.

Decision: -

11. The SEC examined the proposal of the SDRF and accorded in principle approval to the proposal in view of the nature of disasters the state is experiencing. The SDRF may submit detailed financial proposal with SOPs immediately.

Agenda No. 26.5 Ex-Post-Facto Approval for the funds of SDRF/NDRF utilized for removal of Debris from public places in district Mandi.

12. It was brought to the notice of the SEC that the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi had reported that a cloudburst and flash floods occurred during the night of 30th June to 1st July 2025, causing widespread devastation across various areas of Gohar and Thunag Sub-Divisions. The calamity led to loss of lives, damage to public infrastructure and private property, and blockage of roads. In response to this, DDMA Mandi issued directions to the SDM Thunag to carry out a site inspection in collaboration with the HPPWD Division, Seraj to assess the scale of debris accumulation and prepare estimates for clearance operations. The estimate for the removal of debris was submitted to the DDMA by the respective Sub-Divisions which was as below: -

Sr. No.	Location	Estimated Quantity (Cubic Meter)	Cost Involved
1	Thunag Bazar (0/000 to 0/410)	12518.30	20,98,069/-
2	Pandavshilla (0/000 to 0/200)	13818.40	23,15,964/-
3	Kutah (0/000 to 0/300)	14605.21	24,47,833/-
4	Sagalwara (0/000 to 0/250)	1875	3,14,950/-
5	Bung (0/000 to 0/400)	3120	5,22,912/-
6	Jarol (0/000 to 0/400)	1050	1,75,980/-
Total		46,987.91	78,75,708/-

13. The SEC was further apprised that the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, requested for necessary approval and financial assistance from the State Executive Committee as per the provisions of the latest list of items and norms for assistance issued by the MHA, GoI vide letter No. 33-03/2020-NDM-I dated 11th July 2023. Under Item No. 4 (a) pertaining to **Clearance of debris in Public Areas** contained that assistance can be "As per actual cost, for a period up to 30 days from the date of start of the work, based on assessment of need by SEC for the assistance to be provided under SDRF and as per the assessment of the Central team for assistance to be provided under NDRF". In view of urgent nature of works, upon receipt of the proposal from the Deputy Commissioner Mandi, after getting approval from the chairman, State Executive Committee, the Department of Revenue, Disaster Management Cell has issued instruction to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi to utilize the funds released to them under Cash Dole Head from SDRF/NDRF for the removal of debris from public areas. The matter was placed for ex-post-factor approval of the SEC. Besides, in view of the urgent nature of debris removal from public areas, there is need to empower all the DDMA's in this regard

Decision: -

14. The SEC accorded ex-post-facto approval to the proposal of the Deputy Commissioner Mandi for removal of debris from public places as per the norms of assistance notified by the MHA. And also decided as under: -

- It was also approved that the DDMA's are empowered to act promptly on such matters in future disasters in accordance with SDRF/NDMA norms.
- In view of the huge problem of muck in the state it was also decided to constitute a SEC Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary PWD to look into the matter and suggestions action plan to scientifically deal with the issue. Nodal Officer (FCA) from Forest Department, Directors of Environment, Urban and Rural Development Departments and EnC PWD and JSV

shall be other members of the Committee. The Chairman may associate other technical personnel in the committee. The Sub Committee shall give its report within 45 days.

Agenda No. 26.6 Regarding construction of Disaster Relief Centres (Prefabricated Structures)

15. The SEC was apprised that the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi has submitted a proposal regarding construction of Disaster Relief Centers (Prefabricated Structures) in two different locations in Sub Division Thunag to house local residents who have been rendered houseless due to recent disaster:

Sr. No.	Proposed Area for construction of Disaster Relief Centers	Estimated Amount
1	Vacant area near Government Primary School Rahkot Complex, Dev. Block Seraj at Janjehali, District Mandi (H.P.)	Rs. 42,51,500/-
2	Vacant area near Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Bagsaid, Dev. Block Seraj at Janjehali, District Mandi (H.P.)	Rs. 68,08,300/-
Grand Total		Rs. 1,10,59,800/-

16. The SEC was apprised that the Deputy Commissioner Mandi has proposed that the above Disaster Relief centres will serve as safe shelters during disasters/emergencies and will also be utilized for community purposes during normal times, thereby ensuring optimum use of resources. In view of the urgent nature of the work, approval to DC Mandi was conveyed after obtaining approval of the Chairman SEC vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (C) 2-1/2022-SDRF (2022-23Misc-II) dated 21.07.2025.

Decision: -

17. The SEC considered the matter and accorded the ex-post-facto approval for construction of temporary Prefabricated Structures (Disaster Relief centres) at different location proposed by the Deputy Commissioner Mandi.

Agenda No. 26.7 Requirement of Additional Funds for Retrofitting works under SDMF in District Sirmaur, H.P.

18. The SEC was informed that the SEC meeting in its 20th meeting vide Agenda No.20.5 approved the DPRs for retrofitting of schools and health institutions amounting to ₹40.25 crore with cost escalation, and directed that retrofitting may be executed through PWD, as the DM Cell has already trained around 50 engineers of PWD in retrofitting practices. As per the approval of SEC, funds amounting to ₹1434.90 lakh were sanctioned to DC Sirmour for retrofitting of 5 Senior Secondary Schools and 5 CHCs. SEC

was further apprised that the Implementing Agency (PWD) observed the necessity of additional civil works on account of non-consideration of damaged doors and windows that require retrofitting, realistic electrical estimates received from the PWD in place of the earlier 5% provision, non-inclusion of shifting of medical oxygen pipelines in hospital buildings, and applicability of 18% GST effective from July 2022. Funds are available under SDMF and an amount of Rs. 307.07 lakh may be sanctioned as additionality to DC Sirmour so that the works can be completed in a time-bound manner.

Decision: -

19. SEC approved an additional amount of Rs. 307.07 lakh under SDMF for the retrofitting works in District Sirmour so that the projects can be completed within the revised scope and timeline.

Agenda Item No. 26.8 Submission of PPR under National Landslide Risk Mitigation Program Amounting to Rs. 139 Cr.

20. The Committee was informed that the NDMA has launched National Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP) and under its Phase-I the allocated funds for the State amounting Rs 139 Cr. The four districts namely Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur, and Chamba have been selected under first phase of the NLRMP. In this context the about 37 most critical and highly prone landslide sites, as provided by the PWD have been chosen to be mitigated under this programme. The road in districts of Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur, and Chamba of Himachal Pradesh are highly susceptible to landslides due to their rugged mountainous terrain, high seismic activity, and frequent heavy rainfall/snowfall. The steep slopes, fragile geological formations, and unregulated construction further exacerbate the risk of landslides, leading to loss of life, infrastructure damage, and disruption of connectivity. The SEC was apprised that the HPSDMA has prepared and submitted a PPR on Landslide Risk Mitigation in Himachal Pradesh worth amounting Rs 139 Cr on 02.04.2025 under the NLRMP to NDMA after taking the approval of the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman SEC. Further the proposal has been discussed in the TAC held on 08.04.2025 conducted by NDMA. Further, the Preliminary Project Report (PPR) was reviewed and approved in the 9th meeting of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) at Agenda Item No. 9.5 held on 07.07.2025, wherein it was directed to submit the proposal for funding. The Finance Department, GoHP, has also conveyed its concurrence for 10% state share. The matter regarding submission of PPR to NDMA is placed for ex-post facto approval of the SEC.

Decision: -

21. The SEC accorded ex-post-facto approval for submission of the Rs. 139 crore PPR under NLRMP to NDMA.

Agenda Item No. 26.9 Submission of PPR under Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management (MSFFRI) through National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) for Himachal Pradesh worth Rs.8.16 Crores.

22. The SEC was informed that the Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh has prepared a Preliminary Project Report (PPR) under the *Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management (MSFFRM)* amounting to ₹8.16 crore (₹7.42 crore NDMA share + ₹0.74 crore State share) for 2025–26. The project covers three highly fire-prone districts Bilaspur, Mandi, and Sirmaur with ₹4.39 crore, and the remaining ₹3.77 crore for other districts. The scheme aims to reduce forest fire frequency and intensity, enhance early detection and response, involve communities, and restore ecosystems through interventions such as fuel load reduction, fire breaks, early warning systems, training, and awareness campaigns. The proposal was submitted to NDMA on 26.05.25 after taking the approval of the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman SEC. The matter has been submitted to the Finance Department, GoHP, for concurrence regarding the 10% State share. The matter regarding submission of PPR to NDMA is placed for ex-post facto approval of the SEC.

Decision: -

23. The SEC accorded ex-post-facto approval for submission of the Rs. 8.16 crore PPR under Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management to NDMA.

Agenda Item No.26.10Approval of proposals recommended by 6th TAC under State/National Disaster Risk Mitigation Projects

24. The State Executive Committee was briefed that the state of Himachal is prone to various hazards, both natural and manmade. In order to mitigate impact of various hazards which affect the State, under the DM Act, 2005, State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and State Mitigation Fund (SDMF) have been notified. The NDMA Division of MHA has notified guidelines on 6th March 2023 to administer these funds. The DM Cell has also notified Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in accordance with SDMF guidelines. According to the provisions of the 15th Finance Commission, a total of ₹501.60 crore (approx.) has been allocated under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for the period from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26. Additionally, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) has made the provision and allocated approx. ₹90.80 crore (approx.) to address various hazards. Thus, the total fund provision under SDMF for the FY 2020-21 and 15th FC (FY 2021-22 to 2025-26) ₹592.4 crore (approx.), out of this, 366 proposals have been approved by SEC in its various meeting, amounting to 738.09 Cr (approx.). Till date, 378.79 Cr. (approx.) funds have been released to various organizations, while 359.29 Cr.(approx.) still need to be released to the various Implementing Agencies (IAs).

25. That the SEC was apprised that as on date, the availability of funds with the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) stands at ₹97,92,98,586. This includes an opening balance of ₹48,22,82,068 as on 01.04.2025, along with an additional receipt of ₹55,20,00,000 during FY 2025-26. Further, the total funds available under SDMF amount to ₹97,92,98,586. In addition, 2nd instalment of SDMF amounting to ₹ 55,20,00,000 will be released in December 2025. In its 6th meeting held on 06th September 2025, the TAC reviewed 22 project proposals. Out of these, 8 proposals were approved, 5 were approved in principle, and 6 were not recommended by the Committee. In addition, one proposal regarding the EWS for 48 sites had already been approved by the SEC in its 25th meeting. The district-wise and hazard-wise details are as follows:

Proposals Recommended by TAC

District	Hazard	No. of Proposals	Total Amount (Rs.)
Kinnaur	Flood	1	2,51,88,427
Kullu	Flood	1	1,71,42,390
Kullu	Landslide	1	2,90,73,185
Mandi	Landslide	5	17,58,82,887
Total	—	8	24,72,86,889

Project Recommend in Principle under SDMF by TAC:

District	Hazard	No. of Proposals	Total Amount (Rs.)
Kullu	Flood	3	2,51,85,83,129
Lahaul & Spiti	Flood	1	8,47,48,740
Shimla	Landslide	1	4,94,68,646
Total	—	5	2,65,29,00,515

Projects Recommended in Principle under NDMF by TAC:

District	Hazard	No. of Proposals	Total Amount (Rs.)
Hamirpur	Flood	1	2,49,85,42,654
Kullu	Flood	1	2,43,37,50,000
Total	—	2	4,93,22,92,654

Proposals Not Recommended by the TAC

District	Hazard	No. of Proposals	Total Amount (Rs.)
Kangra	Landslide	3	6,85,19,361
Kangra	Drought	1	4,96,96,166
Kinnaur	Flood	1	4,83,36,482
Mandi	Landslide	1	5,96,13,821
Total	—	6	22,61,65,830

26. That the current availability of funds during the current FY under SDRF is around Rs. 153.12 Cr. That the IAs have submitted revised 2 DPRs of the proposal recommended under NDMF to the PMU. It was proposed to the SEC that

- I. The SEC may accord approval to sanction 8 No of projects amounting to ₹ 24,72,86,889. Funds may be released subject to availability and adhering to 50% ceiling to mitigate single hazard.
- II. 5 No. of proposals (SDMF) may also be approved subject to submission of revised DPRs.
- III. 2 No. of proposals under NDRF may approved to be sent to NDMA. Concurrent of FD may also be processed parallelly.

Decision: -

27. The SEC as discussion and consideration approved as under: -

- I. The SEC accorded approval to sanction 8 No of projects amounting to ₹ 24,72,86,889. Funds may be released subject to availability and adhering to 50% ceiling to mitigate single hazard.
- II. 5 No. of proposals SDMF) be approved subject to submission of revised DPRs.
- III. 2 No. of proposals under NDRF approved to be sent to NDMA. Concurrent of FD may also be processed parallelly.
- IV. The SEC also accorded in-principle approval to an important mitigation project of Solan district namely, "Landslide Mitigation below IHSDP Flats in Sector 5 Parwanoo, Solan. The same may be sanctioned after approval of DPR front TAC.

Agenda Item No. 26.11: Approval for 5% Annual Increase in Consultancy Fee of Three DSS Consultants Serving in DDMA's under NIELIT w.e.f. 01.04.2025

28. The SEC was apprised that the Department of Revenue (DM Cell) hired services 28 Consultants under Development Support Staff (DSS) Project through UNDP India. These consultants were posted in all the DDMA's of Himachal Pradesh. Out of these 28 consultants, at present only 3 Consultants are serving in the DDMA's and their services have been hired through NIELIT. In the 9th Meeting of the State Executive Committee, it was approved that 5% annual increase will be given to the Consultancy Fee of these consultants. The annual increase of 5% in consultancy fee of these three consultants is due from 01-04-2025. The annual liability of 5% hike to these consultants will be 62,412/- and this can be met from Preparedness and Capacity Building Window of SDRF.

Decision: -

29. The SEC approved a 5% annual increase in the consultancy fee of the three DSS consultants posted in the DDMA's under NIELIT, effective from 01.04.2025. The additional expenditure (₹62,412 annually) will be met from the Preparedness & Capacity Building window of SDRF.

Agenda Item No. 26.12: Approval of Preliminary Project Report for READY-HP

30. It was brought to the notice of the SEC that the State of Himachal Pradesh witnessed huge damage/losses during Monsoon 2023 disaster. The total damages/losses were estimated at Rs 9906 Crore. The State Government in collaboration with NDMA also conducted the Post Disaster Needs Assessment which was assessed at Rs 9042 Crore. The Finance Minister, Government of India, in the Budget Speech on 23-07-2024 made the following Budget announcement for the State of H.P.

“Himachal Pradesh suffered extensive losses due to floods last year. Our government will provide assistance to the state for reconstruction and rehabilitation through multilateral development assistance.”

31. Further, the Department of Expenditure in July 2025 conveyed to the Department of Economic Affairs, GOI that in view of the Budget announcement of the 2024-25 and extensive damages caused in the State of Himachal Pradesh due to floods And cloudburst in FY 2023-24, the EAP Ceiling for the State of H.P. for loan approval/signing of loan agreement for EAP Projects for the period from 2023-24 to FY 2025-26 is enhanced by 2,150 Crore so as to accommodate the aforesaid project submitted by the GoHP. The DM-Cell after approval of the State Level Screening Committee, submitted the Preliminary Project Report to the DEA on 13-08-2025. The World Bank Mission has visited the State three times to finalise the Program Appraisal Document under HP-READY Project and has held many rounds of discussions with the Departments. The Project will only cover the assets damaged from the year 2023 to 2025.

32. That the proposed project **“Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery Himachal Pradesh (READY-HP)”** is to be implemented by the Revenue Department–Disaster Management Cell, Himachal Pradesh, with financial assistance from the World Bank (80%) and the State Government (20%). The project, scheduled from January 2026 to November 2030, with a total cost of ₹2687.5 crore (USD 312.5 million), aims to support resilient disaster recovery and enhance state capacities for climate-resilient development. Its key focus areas include reconstruction and strengthening of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, public buildings, irrigation schemes, and renewable energy systems; rehabilitation of livelihoods with emphasis on tourism and allied sectors; and capacity building in disaster risk management through flood hazard zonation, land-use planning, building regulation, and disaster risk financing. The expected outcomes include enhanced resilience of communities and infrastructure, establishment of effective early warning systems, slope and flood protection measures, and the rollout of innovative disaster risk financing;/ instruments. The project also integrates climate adaptation, gender sensitivity, community participation, and private sector engagement, while aligning with SDGs 8, 9, 11, and 13.

Decision: -

33. The SEC took note of the action taken.

Additional Agenda Item

Agenda Item No. 26.13: Order Issued by the DM Cell Under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

34. The monsoon season started in the State from 19th June 2025 and the State has experienced large-scale damage and losses during different heavy spells of rains i.e. 26th June in Dharamshala and Kullu; 30th June and 01 July in various parts of the Mandi district; 5-6 and 13-14 August across the entire state; 24-26 August in Chamba, Kullu and Lahaul & Spiti districts. In Chamba district due to Mani Mahesh Yatra many yatris got stranded along the yatra route and between Chamba and Bharmour due to disruption of road connectivity. Keeping in view widespread damage of infrastructure and loss of precious lives, the Chairman of the State Executive Committee on 01st September, 2025 issued an order under Section 24 of the DM Act, 2005. In this order it was mandated that: -

- i) All the Departments of the State shall ensure that the Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) notified vide order Rev.(DMC-C)20-2/2020-COVID19 dated 26th March 2024 by the SEC are strictly adhered to and necessary actions taken by all concerned to ensure prompt action for emergency response.
- ii) The District Magistrate may issue all necessary orders under section 34 of the Act, which authorizes them to do so in the event of a threatening disaster situation.
- iii) The PWD, JSV and HPSEBL shall take adequate measures to ensure restoration of their respective services on war footing.
- iv) All the Departments and DDMA's of the State shall take all measures required to ensure smooth movement of people, goods and services within their respective jurisdiction.
- v) All the DDMA's shall ensure that relief measures are taken timely to provide relief to the affected people.
- vi) All the Telecom Services Providers shall ensure that mobile and landline connectivity is restored and maintained on war footing across the State.
- vii) All the Local Authorities (PRIs and ULBs) shall take all measures for emergency response, restoration and relief in the affected areas and render necessary assistance to the DDMA's and Departments of the State.

Decision: -

35. The SEC ratified the Order issued by the Chief Secretary cum Chairmanship SEC issued on 01-09-2025.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from and to the chair.

Approved by,

(Prabodh Saxena)
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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2. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
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4. The Pr. Secy. to the Additional Chief Secretary to the GoHP.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners -cum-Chairman, DDMA, Himachal Pradesh.
6. All the participants of the meeting.
7. All the Coordinators in DM-Cell.
8. Guard File.

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D.C. Rana (IAS)
Director-cum-Ex Officio Special. Secy. (Rev-DM) to the
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Annexure-A

1. Sh. Abhishek Jain, Secretary, PWD & Finance to the GoHP Shimla
2. Sh. Rajesh Chauhan, DIG L&O (PHQ), Police Department Shimla
3. Sh. DC Rana, Director-cum- Special Secretary (Rev-DM) Shimla.
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6. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Department Shimla
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14. Sh. Anil Vani, Superintendent Grade-II, Home Guards & Civil Defense, Shimla
15. Lt. Deepak Chandu, Constable, HP SDRF, Shimla.