

Proceeding of the 29th Meeting of HP State Executive Committee (SEC) constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 held on 30th September 2026 at 03:30 PM in NIC Conference Hall, Armsdale Building HP Secretariat, Shimla under the Chairmanship of Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Pant, Chief Secretary cum- Chairman State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.

List of participants (enclosed as Annexure-A)

At the outset, the Director- cum- Ex Officio Special Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Pushpendra Rana 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, Dr. Pushpendra 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. 29.1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 28th Meeting of SEC held on 10th February 2026.

2. The minutes of last meetings of the SEC held on **10th February 2026**, 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 28th meeting of State Executive Committee held on 10th February 2026 were noted and confirmed.

Agenda Items No. 29.2: Action Taken Report on Various Directions issued by the State Executive Committee in its 20th 21st, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th Meeting:

Agenda Item No of SEC Meeting	Agenda Description & Discussions and Last Decisions of SEC	Action Taken Report	Decisions taken in 29 th SEC Meeting
9.18/20.2	White Paper on Earthquake Risk Reduction <u>Decision in Previous SEC</u> A DO from the ACS (Revenue) to the Government of HP may be	Reminder to all Administrative Secretaries has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC)(F)-11-1/2022-SEC-IV dated has been issued. ATR is still awaited.	The SEC took note of the action taken and directed that the matter be pursued with the concerned Departments for early submission of the pending ATRs.

	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 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. • ATR is still awaited from Departments. Reminder has been issued. • The matter may be listed in COS. • File has been sent to the office of Worthy Secy AR to the GoHP regarding to put the matter in COS. • The SEC took note of the Action Taken. The Chairman directed to follow up the matter with Departments on one to one basis.		
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	Reminder to The Director, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC)(F)-11-1/2022-SEC-IV dated 29.04.2026 has been issued. ATR is still awaited.	The SEC directed the Rural Development Department to expedite the matter and present its status in the next meeting.

	Department. Director, RD may share update during the meeting. • RD department was asked to expedite the process of notifying the Bye-Laws. • 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. • Reminder has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F)-11-1/2022-SEC-IV dated 24th October 2025. • RDD informed vide letter no. 1/32-2025/XEN-RD & PR-Damage -Vol-IV-26085 dated 30th Oct 2025 that the matter has been put in the HP Cabinet committee in the meeting held on 25.10.2025 wherein the cabinet has decided sub-committee to review the Rural Area Development guidelines framed by the RD&PR department before going further in this matter. • The SEC directed the RD & PR Department to expedite the review process and ensure early finalization and notification of the Bye-Laws.		
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20.6.21.0 2	Raising SDRF and setting up NDRF The Police Department has not completed the recruitment process.	An amount of Rs. 3.00 crore was released to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, on 11.03.2026 under the State Assistance Scheme for Capital Investment (SASCI),	The SEC noted the ATR.

	• 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. • ATR submitted by HPSDRF vide letter no. HPSRF/MoM/2024-25-831 dated 25th Feb 2025. • 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 with DG NDRF. • DGP may provide sanctioned manpower to 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. • As per the meeting held on 18.09.2025, a proposal was sought from the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi regarding land acquisition and road construction for the NDRF Battalion site at Behna, District Mandi. In this regard, the Deputy	2025–26, for the construction of the approach road to the NDRF Battalion Headquarters at Behna, Mandi.	
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	Commissioner, Mandi submitted the proposal on 24.09.2025 with an estimated cost of ₹7764.36 lakh. • The proposal was forwarded to the Planning Department on 25.09.2025 for providing funds for setting up of the NDRF Battalion at Behna, District Mandi under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2024-25. However, the Planning Department has intimated that the work may be included under the Reform-based Part of SASCI (Part-VII) for 2025-26, as and when recommendations for the incentive amount are received from the Government of India. • In view of the above, this office again requested the Planning Department vide this office letter of even number dated 21.11.2025 to provide funds for setting up of NDRF Battalion at Behna under 'Scheme for Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment' (SASCI) 2024-25. The response of Planning Department is still awaited. • The SEC took note of the proposal submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi and directed the Planning Department to expedite the decision for provision of funds under the		
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20.7/21.0 7	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. • The DOE may ensure installation of EWS by remaining dams by 30th November and share status with DMC, Department of Revenue. • The Early Warning System (EWS) status across 30 dam projects shows a moderate level of compliance, with the implementation of Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) being the most complete upstream component, confirmed by 22	As per the Action Taken Report (ATR) received from the Department of Energy on 06.05.2026, the installation of Early Warning Systems (EWS) is currently under progress at six out of the 30 dams across the State. Subsequent reminders have been issued to all the concerned dam authorities, directing them to ensure strict compliance and expedite the installation of the Early Warning Systems.	The SEC directed the Energy Department to expedite the matter regarding the installation of EWS and present its latest status in the next meeting.

	projects (73%). However, essential technical and coordination measures lag behind. Upstream necessities like hydro-meteorological network installation (16 projects) and Dam Break Analysis (13 projects) are available in about half or less of the projects. Downstream preparedness is also uneven, with Hydraulic Routing Studies confirmed by 16 projects, and Setting up of warning posts by 14 projects. The weakest link identified is the crucial Access of EWS data to DDMA and SDMA (District and State Disaster Management Authorities), which is confirmed by only 9 projects (30%), highlighting a significant gap in real-time information sharing and coordinated disaster response efforts. • The State Executive Committee (SEC) took note of the status of establishment of Early Warning Systems (EWS) by the Specified Dam Authorities in accordance with the CWC Guidelines, 2015 and the Dam Safety Act, 2021. The SEC directed the Department of Energy (DoE) to issue necessary instructions to all Dam Authorities for time-bound installation and operationalization of EWS in all remaining dams, and to ensure access of real-time		
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	EWS data to the DDMA and SDMA. The SEC further directed the DoE to ensure completion of EWS installation at the earliest and to submit the latest status to the Disaster Management Cell (DMC), Department of Revenue, and also to make a detailed presentation in the next SEC meeting on compliance by all dam projects.		
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. - The Training and Capacity building of Engineers and Architects may continue. The services of trained Engineers and Architects may be utilized	Approximately 150 engineers from the Public Works Department (PWD) and Rural Development (RD) Department have been trained in the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) from CBRI Roorkee. In view of that DDMA's were directed to furnish the list of DPRs prepared by these trained engineers. However, the requisite information has not yet been received from the DDMA's. The contribution and utilization of the trained engineers should be reported by the DDMA's so that the effectiveness of the capacity-building initiative can be assessed and additional training programmes may be planned, wherever required. Further, an MoU has been signed with HIMUDA for the implementation of earthquake retrofitting works to expedite	The SEC took note of the progress made in the structural/safety audit and earthquake retrofitting of lifeline buildings, including the training of engineers in DPR preparation. The SEC emphasized the need for effective utilization of trained engineers and directed the concerned DDMA's to furnish details of DPRs prepared by them. The Committee also took note of the MoU signed with HIMUDA for implementation of earthquake retrofitting works.

	for earthquake retrofitting. • Besides, the DMC may take on board more technical institutions and experts/expert agencies to accelerate action on this issue. • In reference to the meeting on Earthquake Retrofitting of buildings/structures within the State, held on 18th March 2025, it was noted that despite multiple discussions with reputed institutions—namely CBRI Roorkee, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, and IIT Ropar, only one institution (NIT Hamirpur) was onboarded for DPR preparation. MoU has been signed on 16th September 2025 with NIT Hamirpur. • Accordingly, it was decided in the meeting to develop in-house capacity within the PWD team for preparation of DPRs and implementation of earthquake retrofitting works, with the objective of reducing dependency on external agencies. • In view of the above, one batch comprising 35 engineers has been trained in earthquake retrofitting and DPR preparation. Additionally, the training of five more batches involving around 180 engineers from all districts has been proposed	the retrofitting of identified buildings across the State.	
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	and is scheduled to be conducted at CBRI, Roorkee during the period from January to April 2026. • The SEC took note of the progress regarding structural/safety audit and earthquake retrofitting of lifeline buildings. • The SEC further approved the strategy of developing in-house capacity within PWD for preparation of DPRs and implementation of retrofitting works, and directed that training and capacity building of engineers and architects shall continue, with utilization of trained personnel for earthquake retrofitting works. • The SEC also took note of the proposed training of additional batches of engineers at CBRI, Roorkee during January–April 2026.		
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.	Reminder has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F)-11-1/2022-SEC-IV dated 29th April 2026. The PWD had submitted 2 number of DPRs which were duly approved by the PAC in its 8th meeting. Whereas remaining DPRs are still awaited from the concerned departments.	The SEC noted the progress made by HPPWD in preparation of DPRs under the National Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP). The SEC further directed HPPWD to expedite the preparation and submission of DPRs for the remaining identified sites and to complete the process for the balance sites at the earliest. The Department shall submit a periodic progress report to the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) for placing the updated status

	<u>Previous 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. • Reminder has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F)-11-1/2022-SEC-IV dated 24th October 2025. • Action Taken Report received from the PWD Department vide letter no. 12684-85 dated 20.12.2025vide which PWD provided 93 chronic landslide sites with an estimated cost of Rs. 250.74 crore, based on their assessed vulnerability. <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1313 632 1594"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.N</th><th>Category</th><th>No. of Sites</th><th>Amount (in Lakh)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Highly Vulnerable sites</td><td>21</td><td>11216.39</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Moderately Vulnerable sites</td><td>44</td><td>11420.68</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Vulnerable sites</td><td>28</td><td>2437.23</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>93</td><td>25074.30</td></tr> </tbody> </table> • HPPWD already submitted Preliminary Project Reports (PPRs) amounting to ₹139.00 crore under the National Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP) to the State Disaster Management	S.N	Category	No. of Sites	Amount (in Lakh)	1	Highly Vulnerable sites	21	11216.39	2	Moderately Vulnerable sites	44	11420.68	3	Vulnerable sites	28	2437.23	Total		93	25074.30	Under the NLRMP, HPPWD has submitted 14 DPRs covering four districts out of the 37 identified sites under the programme. Further, out of these 14 DPRs, 05 DPRs were recommended by the Project	before the next meeting of the SEC.
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	Authority (SDMA) through Email dated 28 March, 2025. Under the first phase of the programme, four districts, namely Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur, and Chamba, have been selected. • In this regard, approval has been conveyed by the Competent Authority vide Letter No. Rev (DMC)(F)11-09/2021-III-LM dated 11.12.2025. • Further, for preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), HPPWD has written to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle, HPPWD, Shimla, to prepare and submit a consolidated DPR after completing all codal formalities. • DO vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F) 11-45/2022/2022-SEC-V dated 15.01.2026 with request to submit proposals, has been sent by ACS to Pr. Secy. PWD. • The SEC directed PWD to submit estimates for preparation of DPRs of 93 identified landslide sites. • The SEC directed the HPPWD to expedite preparation and submission of DPRs of 37 sites proposed for mitigation	Steering Committee (PSC) in its meeting held on 10.09.2026 and are now being placed before the State Executive Committee (SEC) for approval.	
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	under NLRMP. The Department shall submit periodic progress reports to the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) for review in the next SEC meeting.		
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. DMC may hire experts to steer the program. Matter regarding hiring of experts is under process. The SEC directed that the process for hiring of experts by the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) to steer and implement the programme be expedited. The progress of NGRMP be shared in the next SEC meeting.	The on-site inspection and physical survey of all four identified glacial lakes have been completed. Bathymetric surveys have also been completed for all four lakes. The surveys of two lakes were carried out by HPSDMA through C-DAC, while the bathymetric survey of Kahsnag Lake was conducted by GSI and that of Gephang Gath Lake was undertaken by BSIP, Lucknow, in collaboration with IIT Bombay. The survey reports are available with HPSDMA. The Hydrology Division of the Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV) is presently preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Early Warning System (EWS) component, which is still awaited from the concerned department. In addition, funds have been released to the Deputy Commissioner, Lahaul & Spiti, for marking the highest flood levels in the downstream areas of Gephang Gath Lake. A joint team comprising officials from C-DAC, HPSDMA, Jal Shakti Vibhag, CWC, Health Department, Police, ITBP, NDRF, and the concerned DDMA conducted a field visit to Keylong from 20 September 2025 onwards for the assessment of	The SEC directed the concerned departments to expedite the preparation of the DPR for the Early Warning System and implementation of the proposed GLOF risk mitigation measures. The updated progress shall be presented in the next SEC meeting.

		Gephang Gath Glacial Lake. During the visit, feasible sites were identified on the right bank near the lake outlet for installation of the Early Warning System (EWS). An Early Warning System has been installed at Sissu on a Proof-of-Concept (PoC) basis by C-DAC. The site was also visited by the Hon'ble Member, NDMA, the Secretary, NDMA, and experts from across the country on 15.04.2026. The PoC system will subsequently be relocated to Gephang Gath Lake after completion of the necessary DPR and installation works. Further, HPSDMA organized a one-day Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) sensitization workshop at Kasol on 13.03.2026, focusing on the risks associated with Vasuki Lake. The workshop witnessed the active participation of approximately 150 participants, including members of Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMCs), NGOs, Aapda Mitras, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and representatives from various line departments. SDMA conducted a one-day workshop for the downstream communities of Kashang Gad and Baspa Upstream of Sangla Lake at Reckong Peo on 01.08.2026. Further, a subsequent workshop for awareness and sensitisation of downstream communities of Gephang	
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		Gath Lake is scheduled to be conducted in the next month.	
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. • The project is held up due to conducting of Social and Environment Study. • Under the component 2.1 of HPDRRP Program amounting to 120 cr, the scope of program is covers the development of an integrated multi-hazard Early Warning System (EWS) for landslides, flash floods, cloudbursts, GLOFs, and dam safety in Himachal Pradesh. It includes real-time monitoring, early detection of extreme meteorological conditions, strengthening flood forecasting networks, and hazard-specific warning models. A web-enabled GIS-based Decision Support System (DSS) shall be developed for risk mapping, visualization, and emergency response	Project Status (48 Planned Sites) • 37 EWS sites have been finalized and approved by AFD under the HPDRRP Program. • Two sites are currently pending for approval.	The SEC directed the concerned department to expedite the bidding process, obtain approval for the remaining sites, complete the pending E&SS studies in a time-bound manner, and ensure installation and operationalization of all 48 EWS sites at the earliest.

	planning. A total of 48 sites have been finalized for installation of EWS equipment. • E&SS studies have been completed for 10 sites by the PMU, HPDRRP Program, and these sites are ready for installation. Bid document for these 10 sites are currently under preparation, after which the work will be initiated. • The SEC directed that the bidding process be expedited, remaining E&SS studies be completed in a time-bound manner, and installation and operationalization of all 48 sites be ensured at the earliest.		
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.	NH-05 Crossing to Panthaghati: The proposal was placed before the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in its meeting held on 27.04.2025 and was recommended for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR). Kennedy Chowk to Annandale Helibase: The PPR was returned to the Implementing Agency (IA) on 27-03-2026 after observations were raised during scrutiny. The revised/amended PPR is still awaited from the IA. Reminder has been issued vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F) -11-1/2022-SEC-	The SEC directed NHAI to expedite the preparation of the DPR for the NH-05 Crossing to Panthaghati stretch and mobilize the required funds at its own level. PWD was directed to submit the revised PPR for the Kennedy Chowk–Annandale Helibase road after incorporating the observations raised during scrutiny. The updated status of both matters shall be placed before the next SEC meeting.

	• Action taken on short and medium terms measures be also shared by PWD and NH. • DPR of Kenedy Chowk to Annadale Helibase has been prepared by PWD and submitted to DDMA through SDMF State portal. • The SEC took note of the action taken. • RO NHAI was requested to consider to provide funds to 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 Cr. by PWD as this section of the road falls under NHAI. • A letter has been issued to RO NHAI with request to prepare DPR and mobilize required funds at their own end, as the said road section falls under the national Highway Network. vide letter no. Rev (DMC) (F) 11-09/2021-III-LM dated 01.12.2025. Road-1: NH-05 Crossing to Panthaghati • In this regard, the Action Taken Report (ATR) was received from DDMA Shimla, wherein it has been informed that DDMA has requested the Chief Engineer (NH), HPPWD, to advise the NHARI/NH authorities to prepare the DPR and mobilize funds at their own level, in accordance with	IV dated 29 th April 2026.	
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the directions issued in the 24th SEC meeting.

Road-2: Kennedy Chowk to Annadale Road Alignment

- The PPR was received through SDMF portal from PWD, Shimla Division No.-III. the matter was place before the PAC in its 6th meeting held on 06 August 2025 (ID-222, PAC Sr. No.-86, dated).
- The proposal was referred back due to inclusion of inadmissible items as per SDMF Guidelines, such as restoration of road, cross-drainage works, roadside drains, metaling and tarring, crash barriers, and road furniture. Subsequently, the same DPR, with an unchanged scope of work, was resubmitted to this office through the SDMF portal on 22-12-2025. In this context, vide letter No. REV-DM-F-002/1/2023-REV-DM-PPR-Eval. (Shimla) dated 03 January 2026, clarified that restoration works are to be taken up through a separate window and that the proposed scope of work does not fall under the admissible category.
- With regard to **NH-05 Crossing to Panthaghati**, the SEC noted that the matter has been taken up with NHAI and directed that **NHAI shall prepare the DPR and mobilize funds at its own level**, as the stretch falls under the National Highway network.

	Follow-up with RO, NHAI shall be continued and the latest status be placed before the next SEC meeting. With regard to Kennedy Chowk to Annandale Helibase, the SEC noted that the proposal submitted through the SDMF portal was returned due to inclusion of inadmissible components under SDMF guidelines. The SEC directed PWD to revise the proposal strictly in accordance with SDMF norms, limiting it to admissible mitigation measures, and to submit the revised DPR/PPR for consideration.		
Agenda Item No. 26.3	Proposal for Consideration under the P&CB Fund: - The SEC approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and release of funds to the concerned DDMA's and Departments. The Chairman stated that when equipment is distributed in a blanket manner at many places they are not properly look after. The proposal Sr. no. 6 (PERC) 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.	No further action is required in this matter.	The SEC noted the ATR and agenda item dropped.

	• Approved funds have been released vide letter No. Rev. (DMC)-(F) 11-45/2020-CB-III dated 4th October, 2025. • The Plan of Action for implementation of the Scheme is being sought from the Districts. The Districts have also been advised to incorporate measures for actively engaging all relevant stakeholders to ensure their commitment and participation in the programme. The Scheme may be implemented in a phased manner, with priority accorded to the most vulnerable Panchayats in the first phase, based on local context and felt needs. • The State Executive Committee (SEC) took note that the approved funds under the P&CB Fund have been released to the concerned DDMA's and Departments.		
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. • 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 proposals with SOPs	The matter has already been considered under Agenda Item 28.3, therefore no separate action is required.	The SEC noted the ATR. As the matter has already been discussed under Agenda Item 28.3, the agenda item was dropped.

	immediately. • The Directorate General-cum-Commandant General, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire Services & SDRF has submitted the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the State Disaster Response Reserve (SDRR) vide letter No. HP-SDRF/SDRR/2025-5274 dated 26th November, 2025. However, the Financial Proposal is still awaited. • The State Executive Committee (SEC) took note of the submission of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for establishment of the State Disaster Response Reserve (SDRR) by the Directorate General-cum-Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF.		
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. • The SEC accorded ex-facto approval to the Deputy Commissioner Mandi for removal of debris from Public places as per the norms of the 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	ATR is still awaited	The SEC directed the Sub-Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (PWD) to expedite the matter and submit its report to the SEC at the earliest.

	with SDRF/NDMA norms. • In view of the huge problem of the muck in the state, it was decided to constitute a 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 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. • Letter has been issued to the Secy (PWD) regarding to constitute a Sub-Committee. Action Taken Report of committee is still awaited. • The SEC directed the SEC Sub Committee to submit report at the earliest.		
 Agenda Item No. 26.9:	Submission of PPR under Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management (MSFFRM) through National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) for Himachal Pradesh worth Rs.8.16 Crores. • SEC accorded Ex facto approval for submission of the	ATR is still awaited.	The SEC took note of the Action Taken Report and directed that the matter be followed up with the Government of India and the updated status be presented in the next SEC meeting.

	Rs. 8.16 crore PPR under Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management to NDMA. • Matter is under consideration with Govt. of India. • The SEC took note of the Action taken and directed that the status be followed up and updated in the next SEC meeting.		
Agenda Item No.26.10	Approval of proposals recommended by 6th TAC under State/National Disaster Risk Mitigation Projects • The SEC accorded approval to sanction 8 Nos of project amounting to Rs. 24,72,86,889. Funds may be released subject to availability and adhering to 50% ceiling to mitigate single hazard. • 5 No. of Proposals SDMF be approved subject to submission of revised DPRs. • 2 No. of proposal under NDRF approved to be sent to NDMA. Concurrent of FD may also be processed parallelly. • 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	Out of 8 projects worth ₹705.37 crore, 2 flood mitigation projects (Nadaun and Manali) worth ₹492 crore are in stage of approval.	The SEC noted that two flood mitigation projects at Nadaun and Manali, amounting to ₹492 crore, are under consideration for approval. The SEC directed the concerned department to pursue the matter with the Government of India/NDMA and expedite the approval process. The updated status shall be presented in the next SEC meeting.

	may be sanctioned after approval of DPR front TAC. ○ In the 6th TAC Meeting held on 17th September 2025, revised DPRs were evaluated and approved, except the proposal for land mitigation works in Village Bandal and Koshunaali, GP Sharchi, Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu, HP (SH: Construction of RCC channel, Kuhal retaining wall, anchor block and RCC chamber for drainage of water) amounting to ₹2,32,28,889, which was not submitted by the Implementing Agency. ○ DPRs were submitted to NDMA vide letter No. Rev (DMC) (C) 2-2/2022 SDMF-III/MHA/NDMA dated 4th October 2025. A gentle reminder was also issued vide letter No. Rev (DMC) (C) 2-2/2022 SDMF-III/MHA/NDMA dated 16th October 2022. In this regard, the TAC of NDMA was held, and the observations raised by the NDMA Members have been shared with the Implementing Agencies and are being addressed by them. • The SEC further noted that DPRs under NDRF have been submitted to NDMA and that observations raised during the NDMA TAC meeting are being		
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	addressed by the concerned Implementing Agencies. The SEC directed that compliance to NDMA observations be expedited and necessary follow-up with NDMA be continued.		
Agenda Item no. 28.03	Proposal for Consideration under the P&CB Fund - The SEC approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and the release of funds to the concerned DDMA/Departments. However, in respect of the proposals received from DDMA Lahaul & Spiti and the Director, Forensic Services, Himachal Pradesh, the SEC directed that the same be revised and re-examined. - The SEC accorded in principle approval for the purchase of snow cutter/snow blowers/Loaders for the Public Works department to ensure timely clearance of snow from critical roads and public infrastructure during the winter season. It was directed that PWD will submit a proposal in this regard to DM Cell and the DM Cell will get the proposal approved from Chief Secretary –cum- Chairman, SEC on Departmental file.	In this regard, it is submitted that the funds approved under the P&CB Funding Window (excluding the proposal for establishment of the State Disaster Relief Reserve (SDRF) Store submitted by the ADG-cum-Commandant General, HG, CD, FS & SDRF) were released to the concerned departments/implementing agencies vide Sanction Order No. Rev(DMC)(F)11-45/2020-CB-III dated 02.03.2026. However, the said funds were subsequently withdrawn by the DM Cell on 05.03.2026. Consequently, the entire amount approved under the aforesaid agenda item remains to be released to the concerned departments/agencies. Therefore, approval and necessary directions of the competent authority are solicited for the release/re-release of the approved funds to facilitate implementation of the sanctioned activities. Upon approval, the funds shall be released to the concerned	The SEC noted the status and directed to present updated status in the next meeting.

		departments/agencies, subject to the availability of funds under the relevant budget head(s).	
<u>Agenda Item no.</u> <u>28.04</u>	Ex-Post-Facto Approval of funds received/ allocated/ utilized from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF), National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA-2023) during the Financial Year 2025-26 (till date): - SEC approved the Ex post facto approval to the District/Department wise distribution and release of funds.	No further action is required.	ATR was noted and agenda item was dropped.
<u>Agenda Item no.</u> <u>28.05</u>	Ex-Post Approval for Utilization of Unutilized Funds under SDRF for "R&R of Damaged Roads and Bridges" and "R&R of Damaged Water Supply, Drainage and Sewerage Works": The State Executive Committee (SEC) has accorded Ex-Post Facto approval for the utilization of unutilized funds under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for the works relating to "Reconstruction & Restoration (R&R) of damaged Roads and Bridges" and "Reconstruction & Restoration (R&R) of damaged Water Supply,	No further action is required.	Agenda item was dropped.

	Drainage and Sewerage Works”, as per the details placed before the Committee and in accordance with the SDRF guidelines.		
Agenda Item no. 28.06	<u>Details of Funds utilised and available balances</u> In view of the pace of utilization of the SDRF and NDRF funds, the State Executive Committee (SEC) decided to direct all Deputy Commissioners to ensure that the allocated funds are fully utilized on or before 28th February, 2026. Any SDRF/NDRF funds remaining unutilized after the stipulated date shall be referred to the Finance Department for re-appropriation under the heads of Roads & Bridges and Water Supply Schemes, and such re-appropriated funds shall thereafter be released to HPPWD and Jal Shakti Vibhag, as per applicable rules and guidelines.	The action was taken as per the SEC directions. No further action is required.	Agenda item was dropped.
Agenda Item no. 28.7	Ex-Post Facto approval of the SEC for Supplementary MOA signed with UNDP for technical posts under PMU-SDMF. The State Executive Committee (SEC) approved the engagement of the remaining four technical experts for the Project Management Unit (PMU) under SDMF through outsourcing/consultancy mode by	The Environment Specialist has deputed by UNDP under SDMF. The remaining matters are currently under process.	The SEC noted the Action Taken Report and directed that the remaining matters relating to engagement of technical experts under the PMU-SDMF be expedited and the updated status be presented in the next SEC meeting.

	way of an addendum to the existing MoA with UNDP India. The SEC also approved the revised project cost of ₹9,22,15,800/-, including consultancy charges of ₹17,28,000/- for FY 2025-26, and further approved the extension of the MoA with UNDP for the period of the 16th Finance Commission period in order to ensure effective and timely implementation of projects and utilisation of funds.		
Agenda Item no. 28.08	Engagement of UNDP Technical Support for HPDMIS Software Stabilization, Maintenance, and Scale-Up beyond Pilot Phase (up to 31 December 2026) The State Executive Committee (SEC) approved the engagement of UNDP and signing of Memorandum of Agreement technical support for stabilization, maintenance, and scale-up of the HPDMIS software beyond the pilot phase up to 31st December, 2026, through an amendment to the existing MoA with UNDP. The SEC also approved the engagement of MIS Management & Maintenance Lead and Associate for a period of 11 months at a total cost of ₹29.70 lakh, including GMS charges, for ensuring smooth operation, maintenance, and effective utilization of the HPDMIS	The necessary amendments have been incorporated in the existing MoU and the amended MoU has been duly signed by both HPSDMA and UNDP. As per the amended MoU, two technical positions namely MIS Management & Maintenance-Lead and MIS Management & Maintenance – Associate, have been provisioned for the development, modification, enhancement, management and maintenance of the existing HPDMIS Portal upto 31st December 2026. In this regard , the scope of work (SoW) for HPDMIS Enhancement & Development has been shared with UNDP for reference and further necessary action. Accordingly, as per the intimation received from UNDP, the process for engagement of the aforesaid technical resources and initiation of the assigned work is at final stage and is expected to be	The SEC noted the progress and directed UNDP to expedite the engagement of the approved technical resources and commencement of the assigned HPDMIS enhancement and maintenance work. The updated status shall be presented in the next SEC meeting.

	platform.	completed shortly.	
Project Proposals under State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for Approval • The State Executive Committee (SEC) took note of the status of availability, sanction, release and utilization of funds under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF), Non-Structural Mitigation (NSM), Small Grant Window and National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF). • In order to ensure optimal utilization of available funds within the current financial year, the SEC decided that the DDMA's shall submit formal demands for release of the next instalment along with requisite progress details and supporting documents through the SDMF portal within the stipulated time. • In case no demand is received, the SEC approved that new proposals may be sanctioned and funds released accordingly, as per SDMF guidelines. • Funds may be released as 2nd /3rd instalment to implementing agencies through DDMA on actual requirement basis. • The SEC approved the release of funds for the Fire Mitigation proposals amounting to ₹25.67	The first instalment for the Fire Mitigation proposals has been released. For the NSM project, "GIS-based Disaster Management Solutions," costing ₹7.68 crore, the MoU has been signed with HIMCOSTE, and the first instalment of ₹3 crore has been released. The first outcome has been delivered by HIMCOSTE as a developer of Aapda Rakshak Mobile App.	The SEC noted the progress and directed to expedite the implementation of the approved projects and ensure timely utilization of the released funds. The updated status of the remaining instalments and project outcomes shall be presented in the next SEC meeting.	

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	crore, the NSM proposal "GIS based Disaster Management Solutions" amounting to ₹7.68 crore.		
Agenda Item no. 28.10	Request for additional financial assistance of Rs. 24,48,887/- for the establishment of a Demonstration Park on safe construction practices at the Appropriate Technology Centre (ATC), Shahpur, located within the premises of ITI Shahpur, District Kangra. The State Executive Committee (SEC) approved the additional financial assistance of ₹24,48,887/- for the establishment of the Demonstration Park on Safe Construction Practices at the Appropriate Technology Centre (ATC), Shahpur, District Kangra, in addition to the ₹10.00 lakh already approved in the 26th SEC meeting, as per the detailed estimate prepared by the Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Shahpur, and subject to availability of funds and applicable guidelines.	The additional financial assistance amounting to ₹24,48,887/- has not been released from P&CB window of SDRF of 15th Finance Commission. Now, as per the recommendations of 16th FC P&CB activities are now to be covered under the NSM of SDMF.	The SEC noted the ATR and directed to present the updated status in the next SEC meeting.

Agenda Item No. 29.3 : Status of Projects under State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) during the 15th Finance Commission

2. It was apprised to the Chair that Himachal Pradesh is prone to various natural and man-made hazards, including earthquakes, landslides, flash floods, snowstorms, avalanches, droughts, fires and road accidents. It was further apprised that, for mitigating the impact of such hazards, the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) has been constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the guidelines for

administration of SDMF were notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 6th March, 2023. The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have also been constituted for appraisal of proposals under the Fund.

3. During the 15th Finance Commission period, approximately ₹501.60 crore was allocated under SDMF, besides approximately ₹90.80 crore were provisioned by the HPSDMA from the SDRMF during the FY 2020-21. Against the funds available, 400 SDMF proposals amounting to ₹794.93 crore have been approved by the SEC, out of which ₹500.52 crore has been released and ₹294.45 crore remains to be released.

4. The Committee was informed that several sanctioned works have not yet been tendered, while in some cases the works have already been completed from the first instalment, resulting in unutilized funds lying with the Implementing Agencies. The DDMA's have requested diversion of such funds for other works; however, such diversion is not permissible without following the prescribed appraisal and approval process through PAC, TAC and SEC.

Decision:-

- After detailed deliberation, the Committee decided that the balance funds shall be utilized for the projects approved under the 15th Finance Commission, in accordance with the approved proposals and applicable guidelines. Any surplus funds remaining after completion/meeting the approved 15th Finance Commission projects may be carried forward for utilization against eligible projects under the 16th Finance Commission, subject to the applicable guidelines and approval of the competent authority.
- The Committee further decided that any savings arising due to the difference between the funds released/sanctioned and the actual tendered/executed amount shall be refunded to HPSDMA. It was also decided that funds sanctioned for a particular project shall not be diverted or utilized for any other work/project without prior approval of the Committees constituted under SDMF.
- In respect of works which have not yet commenced, the Implementing Agencies concerned shall refund the sanctioned funds to HPSDMA. Further, a copy of the Award Letter, wherever applicable, shall be uploaded/submitted through the SDMF Portal for record, monitoring and further necessary action.

Agenda Item No. 29.04: Implementation of SDMF Guidelines under the 16th Finance Commission and Project Proposals under 16th FC

5. It was brought to the notice of the Chair that the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Division, issued the Operational Guidelines for administration of the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) and National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) on 31st July, 2026, based on the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission for the award period 2026–27 to 2030–31.

6. As per the said guidelines, SDMF may be utilized for structural and non-structural mitigation measures relating to notified natural disasters such as floods, flash floods, landslides, cloudbursts, earthquakes, fires, GLOF and other applicable hazards. It was also informed that SDMF funds cannot be utilized for routine maintenance, beautification works, establishment expenditure or ongoing Government schemes, and that mitigation measures created through SDMF are required to be maintained through other sources of funding.

7. The Ministry of Home Affairs has developed the National Disaster Management Information System (NDMIS) as a unified platform for reporting, accounting and monitoring of SDMF/NDMF funds. The States are required to ensure timely data feeding and validation in NDMIS and integration of the State Treasury with PFMS for real-time monitoring of disaster-related receipts and expenditure.

8. A total provision of ₹596 crore has been proposed for SDMF under the 16th Finance Commission for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31, with an annual provision ranging from ₹108.00 crore in 2026–27 to ₹131.00 crore in 2030–31.

9. The 8th meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), being the first TAC meeting under the 16th Finance Commission, was held on 15th September, 2026. A total of 26 proposals amounting to ₹123.02 crore were evaluated by the TAC. Out of these, 9 proposals amounting to ₹35.17 crore were recommended for consideration of the State Executive Committee (SEC).

10. The detailed proceedings of the 8th meeting of TAC and the proposal-wise details of the 9 recommended projects from TAC amounting to 35.17 crore were placed before the Committee as Annexure-II and Annexure-III were seen.

Decision:-

- The Committee approved the 7 projects amounting to ₹21.56 crore for release of funds to the concerned DDMA, as detailed enclosed **Annexure-I**.
- The Committee accorded in-principle approval to the 2 projects amounting to ₹13.60 crore, subject to the recommendations of the TAC, kindly refer **Annexure-I**.
- The concerned Departments shall carry out the vetting of the projects. The respective DDMA shall ensure that the first instalment is released only after receipt of the duly vetted report from the concerned Department through the designated portal.
- The second instalment shall be released only after submission of the Award Report, complete Utilization Certificates (UCs) and requisite progress/completion reports by the Implementing Agency to the concerned DDMA.
- Priority shall be given to projects located in areas having high concentration of population and settlements, particularly vulnerable habitations, and having wider benefits in terms of protection of

human lives and livestock. Individual buildings shall be considered only where the proposed intervention demonstrates a reasonable cost-benefit ratio.

- Restoration and repair works shall not be undertaken under SDMF. Such works shall be taken up under the appropriate funding window as per the applicable guidelines.
- The concerned DDMA shall ensure that details of each sanctioned work/project are duly entered and regularly updated on the NDMIS portal within the prescribed timelines.
- The Implementing Agency shall mandatorily submit a duly signed and complete Work Completion Certificate on completion of the project. The concerned DDMA shall ensure its submission before final settlement and closure of the project.
- A Success Story of each completed project shall be prepared and submitted, highlighting the key interventions, outcomes achieved and benefits accrued to the vulnerable/affected population.
- PPRs, DPRs, Utilization Certificates, Progress Reports and all other requisite documents shall be submitted exclusively through the SDMF Portal. HPSDMA shall not entertain submission of such documents through any other mode.

AGENDA ITEM No 29. 5 : Pilot Project on Earthquake Resiliency of Government Buildings in Himachal Pradesh Funded by NDMA(2.25 Crore)

11. It was brought to the notice of the Chair that the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, sanctioned the **"Pilot Project on Earthquake Resiliency of Government Buildings in Himachal Pradesh"** in August, 2024 at a total approved cost of **₹2,24,99,997**, focusing on earthquake retrofitting of identified critical lifeline Government buildings and capacity building of masons. The first instalment of **₹90.00 lakh**, being 40% of the approved project cost, was released by NDMA on **05.08.2025** and was subsequently sanctioned/released to the concerned DDMA for implementation of the approved works.

12. The sanctioned works primarily cover earthquake retrofitting of Government school buildings in **District Chamba**, along with identified buildings in **Kullu and Mandi**, and capacity building of masons in Chamba, Kullu and Mandi. However, certain works in Chamba have been surrendered, the identified Electrical Building in Kullu has been demolished, and retrofitting of the BSNL Office in Mandi has been reported as not required. Further, no progress has been reported in the capacity-building component.

13. The overall progress of the sanctioned works under DDMA **Chamba, Kullu and Mandi is not satisfactory**. The executing agencies, namely SSA in Chamba and PWD in Kullu and Mandi, have expressed difficulties in completing the sanctioned works within the stipulated timeframe.

14. The Committee was further informed that, being a pilot initiative of NDMA, timely implementation and utilization of the released funds is important for achieving the intended objective of strengthening earthquake

resilience of Government buildings. NDMA has also conveyed that, in case the sanctioned works are not implemented within the prescribed timeframe, the unutilized funds may be refunded/recovered and reallocated to other districts for earthquake resilience activities.

Decision:-

- The concerned **DDMAs and Executing Agencies** shall complete the sanctioned works under the Pilot Project on Earthquake Resiliency on **priority basis** within the stipulated timeframe.
- The concerned DDMAs/Executing Agencies shall submit **work-wise physical and financial progress** to HPSDMA regularly for monitoring and further necessary action.

Agenda Item no.29.6 : Ex-post facto approval of the MoU executed between HPSDMA and HIMUDA & Execution of Earthquake Retrofitting Works under SDMF and Other Schemes through HIMUDA and Approval of 30% Enhancement in Project Cost due to Cost Escalation

15. It was apprised the Committee that as per the proposal submitted by HIMUDA, the cost of the identified retrofitting works is ₹1,52,25,586/-, against which an additional amount of ₹46,26,613/-, being 30% of the estimated cost, has been proposed towards escalation in construction cost. Thus, the total amount proposed by HIMUDA for execution of the identified works is ₹1,97,68,005/-.

16. The sanctioned amount for the above works was based on the DPRs prepared by NITTTR Chandigarh in 2023. Since considerable time has elapsed and the cost of construction materials, labour and other inputs has increased, HIMUDA has sought revision of the project cost to enable execution of the works at the current rates. The request of HIMUDA is therefore required to be considered in the context of the present market conditions and the need to complete the earthquake retrofitting works within the stipulated timeframe.

17. Since the works are intended to enhance the earthquake resilience of identified Government buildings and have remained pending despite release of funds to the concerned DDMAs, it is considered necessary to entrust the execution of the feasible works to HIMUDA, as per the MoU already signed between HPSDMA and HIMUDA.

18. It is also submitted that the sanctioned amount already available with the concerned DDMAs may be transferred/released to HIMUDA, as per the terms and conditions of the MoU, subject to adjustment of funds already released/utilized, wherever applicable. The additional requirement of ₹46,26,613/- towards 30% cost escalation may be considered separately by the competent authority, subject to availability of funds and admissibility under the applicable guidelines.

Decision:-

- **Ex-post facto approval** was accorded to the MoU executed between HPSDMA and HIMUDA for implementation of the approved earthquake retrofitting projects under SDMF and other sanctioned schemes under HPSDMA.
- The SEC **approved the proposed 30% enhancement in the project cost**, as requested by HIMUDA, subject to availability of funds and compliance with the applicable rules, guidelines and financial procedures.
- HIMUDA shall undertake the execution of the identified retrofitting works on priority and ensure their **timely completion** within the prescribed timeframe.
- HIMUDA shall submit **work-wise physical and financial progress** to HPSDMA regularly and ensure proper utilization of the funds.
- The concerned DDMA/HPSDMA shall take necessary action for **transfer/release and adjustment of the sanctioned funds** to HIMUDA as per the terms of the MoU and applicable procedures.

AGENDA ITEM-29.7 : Approval for Additional Funds for Completion of Essential Left-out Works under Earthquake Retrofitting of School Buildings under SDMF in District Chamba.

19. The Committee was briefed that during execution of the earthquake retrofitting works in the 25 school buildings of District Chamba, certain essential allied works were found necessary for ensuring the safety, functionality and proper completion of the buildings. The DDMA, Chamba has requested that the additional requirement of **₹11,90,952/-** may be met from the savings available within the overall amount of **₹1,20,02,763/- already sanctioned by the SEC**, as the awarded tender amounts are lower than the respective sanctioned amounts.

Decision:-

- The **additional requirement of ₹11,90,952/-** for completion of the essential works in the identified school buildings of District Chamba was **approved**.

AGENDA ITEM-29.8 Call for Research Project Proposals under State Disaster Mitigation Fund during 16th Finance Commission under NSM

20. It was informed to the SEC that the R&D proposals received under the 10% Non-Structural Mitigation (NSM) component of the SDMF for the financial year 2026–27 shall be subjected to **scrutiny by the Project Scrutiny Committee (PSC)** and thereafter **evaluation by the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC)** in accordance with the applicable SDMF Guidelines.

21. It was further informed that, after completion of the screening and evaluation process, the eligible and technically feasible proposals shall be placed before the competent authority for approval, and funds shall be released to the approved projects subject to availability of funds and compliance with the applicable SDMF Guidelines.

22. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the **State Executive Committee (SEC)** for approval to proceed with the **screening, appraisal and selection of eligible R&D project proposals** under the 10% NSM component of SDMF for the financial year 2026–27 and for release of funds to the approved projects as per the applicable SDMF Guidelines.

Decision:-

- The Project Director (PD), HPSDMA, shall ensure that all eligible R&D project proposals are duly scrutinized and evaluated by the designated committees and that the recommendations are placed before the SEC for approval.

Agenda Item No. 26.9: MoU between HPSDMA and HIMCOSTE for Aapda Rakshak Mobile App and Disaster Decision Support System (DSS) Portal

23. It was apprised to the SEC that HPSDMA has initiated the Aapda Rakshak Mobile App and Disaster Decision Support System (DSS) Portal to strengthen the State's disaster reporting, monitoring, risk assessment and decision-making capabilities through GIS and Remote Sensing technologies. The platform facilitates real-time reporting of disaster incidents and integrates geospatial data and information from various departments and agencies to support disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

24. It was further apprised that, to ensure the smooth implementation, operation, maintenance, technical support and future enhancement of the Aapda Rakshak Mobile App and DSS Portal, an MoU was signed between HPSDMA and the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE) on 19.06.2026, with the approval of the competent authority. Under the MoU, HIMCOSTE shall provide technical support, including application hosting, system maintenance, software updates, GIS services, API integration, bug fixing and development of additional modules, as required.

25. The MoU is intended to ensure the long-term sustainability, effective operation and continuous enhancement of the State's GIS-based disaster management platform, including its integration with various departmental and hazard-monitoring systems.

26. The matter was placed before the SEC for consideration and ex-post facto approval of the MoU signed between HPSDMA and HIMCOSTE on 19.06.2026 for the implementation, operation, maintenance and further enhancement of the Aapda Rakshak Mobile App and Disaster Decision Support System (DSS) Portal.

Decision of the SEC

- The SEC **accorded ex-post facto approval** to the MoU signed between HPSDMA and HIMCOSTE on **19.06.2026** for the implementation, operation, maintenance, technical support and future enhancement of the **Aapda Rakshak Mobile App and Disaster Decision Support System (DSS) Portal**.
- It was directed that the activities undertaken by HIMCOSTE under the MoU shall be **regularly monitored by HPSDMA** to ensure timely delivery of technical support, system maintenance and further enhancement of the platform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MoU.

AGENDA ITEM-29.10 : Aapda Rakshak Mobile Application for Disaster Reporting, Response and Resource Management

27. It was informed to the SEC that HPSDMA has developed and launched the Aapda Rakshak Mobile and Web Application as a technology-enabled platform for real-time disaster reporting, monitoring, response and resource management in Himachal Pradesh. The beta version of the application was launched on 11.06.2026 and tested to assess its functionality. The application enables citizens and field officials to report disaster incidents through geo-tagged photographs, videos and GPS locations, while providing satellite-based visualization and dashboards for monitoring incidents at the State and District levels.

28. The application incorporates features such as incident mapping, satellite imagery, real-time dashboards, resource and inventory management, and a Decision Support System (DSS). The platform is intended to strengthen coordination among HPSDMA, DDMA's, Government Departments, field agencies and other stakeholders by facilitating timely reporting, assessment and dissemination of disaster-related information.

29. For effective implementation and wider adoption of the application, there is a need to undertake training and awareness programmes, including virtual training, for DDMA's, NGOs, SHGs, volunteers, educational institutions, Government Departments and other stakeholders, so that the application is widely used for timely reporting of disaster incidents and facilitating prompt response.

30. The matter was placed before the SEC for consideration and directions to all Government Departments, Boards/Corporations, educational institutions, NGOs, SHGs and communities for the wider adoption and effective utilization of the Aapda Rakshak Application to facilitate timely reporting of disaster incidents, prompt response, and protection of human lives and property.

Decision of the SEC

- All Government Departments, Boards/Corporations, educational institutions, NGOs, SHGs, volunteers and other stakeholders shall be encouraged to adopt and widely utilize the Aapda Rakshak Application for real-time reporting of disaster incidents and dissemination of disaster-related information.
- All Deputy Commissioners-cum-Chairpersons, DDMA's shall facilitate awareness and capacity-building programmes, including virtual training, for Government officials, NGOs, SHGs, volunteers, educational institutions and local communities to ensure effective use of the application.
- HPSDMA shall coordinate with the concerned Departments and DDMA's to ensure the effective implementation, promotion and wider outreach of the application across the State.
- The concerned Departments and DDMA's shall ensure that disaster incidents reported through the application are promptly reviewed and that necessary response and coordination measures are initiated to minimize loss of human lives and damage to property.

Agenda Item No 29.11: Release of SDMF Funds Pending in the Treasury to the Implementing Agencies (IAs)

31. It was apprised to the Chair that funds sanctioned under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for various approved mitigation projects are largely lying in the Treasury and have not yet been transferred to the respective Implementing Agencies (IAs), resulting in delays in the execution of the sanctioned works.

32. These projects are critical disaster mitigation interventions aimed at reducing disaster risks and safeguarding human lives, infrastructure and public property. Any delay in the release of funds may adversely affect the timely execution of these works, particularly with the onset of the monsoon season, when vulnerable sites are exposed to further deterioration, heavy rainfall and flash floods, potentially leading to increased damage, escalation in project costs and risks to public safety.

33. Considering the urgency and life-saving nature of these mitigation works, there is an immediate need to expedite the release of SDMF funds lying in the Treasury and transfer them to the respective Implementing Agencies to facilitate timely execution of the approved projects.

Decision of the SEC

- Finance Department shall take immediate necessary action to expedite the release of SDMF funds lying in the Treasury and ensure their transfer to the respective Implementing Agencies for execution of approved mitigation projects.



Agenda Item No 29.12: Ex-post facto approval for the MoU & Further Directions on Preparation of Disaster Mitigation DPRs under NDMF through NBCC (India) Limited – Consideration of Vulnerable Sites, Consultancy Fee

34. It was apprised to the Chair that SEC that HPSDMA entered into an MoU with **NBCC (India) Limited on 20.05.2026** for providing consultancy services limited to the preparation of proposals/DPRs for disaster mitigation projects under the NDMF. The MoU did not specify any financial consideration, as NBCC was to submit its financial proposal separately.

35. The NBCC has subsequently submitted a financial quotation proposing a **consultancy/service fee of 2.00% of the DPR cost, excluding GST**, for preparation of the DPRs. The proposal was also discussed during the meeting held on 26.08.2026 under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary (Finance), wherein the identification and prioritization of vulnerable sites for preparation of DPRs under NDMF were deliberated upon.

36. The SEC was informed that, pursuant to the directions issued in the said meeting, JSV has furnished a priority-wise list of vulnerable sites involving an estimated amount of **₹701.29 crore** for consideration and preparation of DPRs through NBCC. The priority-wise list from PWD is still awaited.

37. It was further informed that the engagement of NBCC is intended to facilitate preparation of technically sound and sustainable DPRs incorporating appropriate structural, non-structural and nature-based mitigation measures, which may subsequently be submitted to NDMA/MHA for consideration of financial assistance under the NDMF.

Decision of the SEC

- The SEC **accorded ex-post facto approval** to the MoU executed between HPSDMA and **NBCC (India) Limited on 20.05.2026** for preparation of proposals/DPRs for disaster mitigation projects under the NDMF funding window.
- The proposals shared by the JSV amounting to **₹701.29 crore** and to be shared by PWD for vulnerable areas shall be handed over to the NBCC for preparation of DPRs. The DPRs shall thereafter be forwarded to the NDMA after obtaining concurrence from the Finance Department and approval of the State Government.
- The **consultancy/service fee of 2.00% of the DPR cost, excluding GST**, proposed by NBCC was approved, in principal and revenue department may consider the matter for approval as per procedure including consultation with Finance Department.

- HPSPDMA shall ensure that the DPRs prepared by NBCC are **technically sound, financially justified and in conformity with the applicable NDMF guidelines**, and incorporate sustainable and appropriate mitigation measures, including nature-based solutions wherever feasible.

Agenda Item No. 29.13 : DPRs/Proposals received under National Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP) Total Project Cost Rs. 139.00 Cr.

38. It was apprised to the Committee that HPSPDMA and HPPWD jointly prepared the Preliminary Project Report (PPR) under the National Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (NLRMP), which was submitted to NDMA on 02.04.2025 and examined by the Technical Advisory Committee of NDMA on 08.04.2025. The proposal was subsequently approved by MHA, Government of India, on 28.11.2025, following which the first instalment of **₹37.50 crore (Central Share)** was released on 28.11.2025. It was further apprised that, through continuous monitoring of landslide-prone areas, approximately 37 major landslide-prone locations have been identified in the districts of Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur and Chamba. The NLRMP comprises four major components, namely (i) **Landslide Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**, (ii) **Landslide Monitoring and Early Warning System**, (iii) **Slope Stabilization**, and (iv) **Awareness Generation and Capacity Building**.

39. The **2nd meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC)** constituted for implementation of NLRMP was held on **10.09.2026** under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary (Revenue), Government of Himachal Pradesh, wherein proposals under Component-I, Component-II and Component-III were deliberated upon and recommended for consideration and approval of the SEC. The proposals under Component-I include **Geospatial Assessment of Landslide Risk and Vulnerability in H.P.** by SCCC-HIMCOSTE at a cost of **₹1.00 crore** and **Integrated Landslide Hazard & Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment for Kinnaur and Shimla Districts** by HPU at a cost of **₹4.00 crore**, aggregating to **₹5.00 crore**.

40. Under **Component-II: Landslide Monitoring and Early Warning System**, the proposal for **Installation of Landslide Monitoring and Early Warning System (LMEWS) in Himachal Pradesh under NLRMP**, to be implemented by CBRI & IIT Roorkee in association with HPU, IIT Mandi and NIT Hamirpur, has been recommended at a cost of **₹9.00 crore**. Under **Component-III: Slope Stabilization**, fifteen DPRs pertaining to Chamba, Mandi, Shimla and Kinnaur districts, to be implemented by HPPWD, have been recommended at a total cost of **₹86.43 crore**.

41. The total financial implication of the proposals under Components I and III recommended by the PSC is **₹91.43 crore**. It was also brought to the notice of the SEC that certain proposals include provisions relating to manpower, budgetary requirements and procurement of capital items such as laptops, proprietary software and other equipment. Such expenditure shall be admissible only where specifically justified as essential and in accordance with the provisions of the applicable **15th Finance Commission and 16th Finance Commission/NLRMP Guidelines**.

42. Under **Component-IV: Awareness Generation and Capacity Building**, Divisional Commissioner-wise training programmes/workshops will be conducted by HPSDMA in association with the concerned DDMA during the coming months and subsequently, as part of the capacity-building and awareness-generation activities under NLRMP.

43. In view of the above, the matter was placed before the **State Executive Committee (SEC)** for consideration and approval of the proposals recommended by the Project Steering Committee under Components I and III amounting to **₹91.43 crore**, and for taking note of the proposed activities under Component-IV.

Decision of the SEC

- The SEC approved both the proposals i.e. Geospatial Assessment of Landslide Risk and Vulnerability in H.P. – **Rs. 1.00 crore** through SCCC-HIMCOSTE and Integrated Landslide Hazard & Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment for Kinnaur and Shimla Districts, H.P. – **Rs. 4.00 crore** through HPU under the **Component-I – Landslide Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of National Landslide Risk Mitigation Program**.
- The approval is subject to the condition that Capital Expenditure including but not limited to purchase of Machineries like drilling equipment's, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs like drones) testing machineries are not admissible under the applicable Mitigation and NLRMP Guidelines.
- The Proposal received from CBRI Roorkee in joint consortium under **Component-II – Landslide Monitoring and Early Warning System** amounting Rs. 9.00 Cr. for installation of LEWS in H.P. shall be financially reassessed and revised proposal will be sought from the concerned.
- The SEC approved all the **15 DPRs**, amounting to Rs. 86.43 crore, for implementation through HPPWD received under **Component-III – Slope Stabilization of the NLRMP**.

Agenda Item No. 29.14 : DPRs/Proposals received under National GLOF Risk Mitigation Programme (NGRMP) Total Project Cost Rs. 35 Cr.:

44. It was apprised to the SEC that HPSDMA submitted the PPR for the **GLOF Risk Mitigation Programme in Himachal Pradesh under NGRMP**, amounting to **₹35.00 crore**, on 06.03.2025. The PPR was examined by the Technical Advisory Committee on 13.03.2025 and subsequently approved by MHA, Government of India, on 21.05.2025, following which the first instalment of **₹9.45 crore (Central Share)** was released on 12.06.2025. It was further apprised that bathymetric surveys of all four identified glacial lakes, namely **Gephang Gath, Parvati, Baspa and Kashang Gad**, have been completed. Remote Sensing-based assessment of Gephang Gath was also undertaken by NRSC, Hyderabad. Further, physical survey of Gephang Gath Lake was conducted during 24–26 July 2024, while GSI conducted a detailed scientific survey

assessment of Gephang Gath was also undertaken by NRSC, Hyderabad. Further, physical survey of Gephang Gath Lake was conducted during 24–26 July 2024, while GSI conducted a detailed scientific survey of Kashang Gad Lake during 17 August–03 September 2025 and has shared its preliminary findings as well as the final report with HPSDMA.

45. The NGRMP comprises four major components, namely (i) **GLOF Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**, (ii) **Early Warning System**, (iii) **Mitigation Measures – Structural/Non-Structural**, and (iv) **Awareness Generation and Capacity Building**. The 2nd meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC), constituted for implementation of NGRMP, was held on **10.09.2026** under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary (Revenue), Government of Himachal Pradesh, wherein the proposals and ongoing activities under the various components were deliberated upon.

46. Under **Component-I: GLOF Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**, the proposal for **Geospatial Assessment of Glacial Lakes Monitoring and GLOF Risk Vulnerability in H.P.**, to be implemented by **SCCC-HIMCOSTE** at a cost of **₹1.00 crore**, was recommended by the PSC for consideration and approval of the SEC.

47. Under **Component-II: Early Warning System**, it was apprised that the Hydrology Division of Jal Shakti Vibhag, H.P. has prepared a comprehensive DPR for Components-II and III amounting to **₹105.12 crore**. However, the said DPR was not discussed during the meeting on the Early Warning System for GLOF under NGRMP held on **09.09.2026**. It was further informed that CBRI, Roorkee, briefed the participants regarding the early warning instruments/equipment developed by the Institute for GLOF monitoring, proposed to be installed at Vasundhara Taal in association with WIHG and UKSDMA, at an estimated cost of approximately **₹60 lakh**.

48. The NDMA has proposed installation of an **Early Warning System at Gephang Gath Lake through C-DAC**, by shifting the system presently installed at Sissu on a Proof-of-Concept (PoC) basis. The PSC also discussed the possibility of installing EWS at the remaining three identified high-risk glacial lakes in Himachal Pradesh with technical support from CBRI during the next working season.

49. Under **Component-III: Mitigation Measures – Structural/Non-Structural**, it was apprised that proposals for structural mitigation measures are being sought from the concerned Deputy Commissioners in consultation with the Jal Shakti Vibhag, keeping in view the allocation available under the programme and the funds released under the first instalment. However, no proposal has been received so far.

50. Under **Component-IV: Awareness Generation and Capacity Building**, it was apprised that HPSDMA has conducted capacity-building programmes for downstream communities at **Kasol, Kullu and Reckong Peo**, in association with the concerned DDMA, followed by a State-Level Mega Mock Drill in the probable GLOF-affected downstream areas. It was further informed that the capacity-building programme for downstream communities of **Gephang Gath Lake** is proposed to be conducted in the upcoming month.

Decision of the SEC

- SEC approved the proposal i.e. **“Geospatial Assessment of Glacial Lakes Monitoring and GLOF Risk Vulnerability in H.P.”** to be implemented by **SCCC-HIMCOSTE** at a cost of **₹1.00 crore** under the **Component-I – GLOF Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of National GLOF Risk Mitigation Program.**
- SEC noted that the installation of the Early Warning System (EWS) at Gephang Gath Lake is being undertaken by C-DAC under an activity approved by NDMA. Further, the installation of EWS at the remaining high-risk lakes, as envisaged under Component-II – Early Warning Systems, shall be taken up with CBRI, Roorkee, to explore suitable technical solutions and work out the implementation modalities and cost estimates for deployment of appropriate EWS.
- SEC noted that proposals under Component-III: Structural/Non-Structural Mitigation Measures of the NGRMP shall be sought from the concerned Deputy Commissioners for undertaking structural mitigation measures, in consultation with the Jal Shakti Vibhag, keeping in view the availability of funds and the allocation under the NGRMP.

Agenda Item No. 29.15 : Ex-post facto approval for various activities under the Training & Capacity Building component

51. It was brought to the notice of the SEC that HPSDMA has proposed various activities under the **Training & Capacity Building component of the Non-Structural Measures (NSM) under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for the Financial Year 2026-27**, with the objective of strengthening disaster preparedness, community-level response capacity, institutional capacity and awareness across the State.

52. The proposed activities include **three-day training of Aapda Rakshaks at Panchayat level**, capacity-building workshops for NGOs, **Training of Trainers (ToT)** on strengthening DRR at the local level, training programmes to be conducted by DDMA for Panchayat representatives and community volunteers, and **Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM)** training through HP Forest Academy.

53. The proposed activities also include **disaster management training for officers, School Safety and Preparedness Programmes, specialized training for technical manpower, consultative workshops on DRR coordination/training modules/SOPs, and training programmes on IT applications for disaster management** for officers, officials and technical manpower of DDMA and stakeholder departments.

54. A **Statewide Social Media Campaign for Disaster Risk Awareness and Preparedness** is also proposed to be undertaken through various digital platforms to enhance public awareness regarding disaster

preparedness, Early Warning Systems, emergency helplines, HPSDMA initiatives and community-based disaster risk reduction measures.

55. The above activities are proposed to be undertaken in a phased manner during the financial year **2026-27**, targeting community members, volunteers, NGOs, PRIs, DDMA's, Government officers/officials, technical personnel, students, teachers, school staff and other relevant stakeholders. The proposed activities and tentative financial requirements are as detailed in the agenda.

Decision of the SEC

- **Ex-post facto approval was accorded** to the various activities proposed/undertaken under the **Training & Capacity Building component of the Non-Structural Measures (NSM) under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for the Financial Year 2026-27**, as detailed in the agenda.
- The activities shall be implemented by HPSDMA/concerned agencies **strictly in accordance with the applicable SDMF/16th Finance Commission Guidelines**, approved provisions and availability of funds.
- HPSDMA shall ensure **proper documentation, monitoring and submission of activity-wise progress and expenditure reports** in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

Agenda Item No. 29.16 : Proposal for approval of recharge of 104 I-SAT Phones in the State and release of payment for the 3rd milestone under the Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC).

56. It was apprised to the SEC that HPSDMA has entered into a **five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** for the operation, maintenance and annual recharge of **104 I-SAT Phones** installed across the State. The I-SAT Phone network serves as a critical emergency communication system for ensuring uninterrupted communication during disasters and other emergencies, particularly when conventional communication networks are disrupted or unavailable.

57. As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, the operation, maintenance and annual recharge charges are payable on a year-to-year basis, subject to submission of the prescribed demand note and fulfillment of the contractual provisions.

58. The **1st and 2nd milestones under the AMC have been successfully completed by BSNL**, and the corresponding payments have already been released by the Disaster Management Cell (DMC). The BSNL has submitted a demand note amounting to **₹82,72,149/-** towards the annual recharge and Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) charges for all **104 I-SAT Phones** under the **3rd milestone**, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the AMC.

59. It was apprised that, as per the provisions of the MoU executed between HPSPDMA and BSNL, **100% advance payment** is required to be released towards the annual recharge and AMC charges under the 3rd milestone.

Decision:-

The **SEC noted the agenda item and accorded ex-post facto approval** for the release of **₹82,72,149/- to BSNL** towards the annual recharge and Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) charges for **104 I-SAT Phones** under the 3rd milestone, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MoU/AMC.

Agenda Item No.29.17 Arrangement of funds for payment of remuneration to outsourced manpower and Disaster Management Consultants engaged in the State and District Emergency Operation Centres (SEOC/DEOC).

60. It was apprised to the SEC that the **State and District Emergency Operation Centres (SEOC/DEOC)** are an integral part of the State and District Disaster Management system and are functioning on a **24x7 basis** for dissemination of disaster-related information, inter-departmental coordination, and monitoring of relief and rescue operations during disasters.

61. At present **8 outsourced personnel are deployed at SEOC and 96 outsourced personnel at various DEOCs**, making a total of **104 outsourced personnel**. In addition, **2 Consultants**, namely Disaster Management Specialist and Training & Capacity Building Specialist, are engaged in the Disaster Management Cell. Accordingly, remuneration is required to be paid to a total of **106 outsourced/consultant personnel**.

62. The remuneration of the outsourced manpower deployed at SEOC/DEOCs and the aforesaid Consultants was earlier being met from the **"Preparedness and Capacity Building" component of SDRF**. However, with the revised funding arrangements under the **16th Finance Commission for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31**, the admissibility of such expenditure from the SDMF/Non-Structural Measures component is not clearly provided for under the applicable Operational Guidelines.

63. The matter was taken up with the **Finance Department** for provision of requisite funds. The Finance Department had recorded the opinion **"Examined – AD is advised to continue with existing practice."** The Department has again requested the Finance Department for provision of the requisite funds for meeting the remuneration of the said personnel.

64. An amount of **₹3,16,32,000/-** is required during the financial year **2026-27** towards remuneration of the **104 outsourced personnel deployed at SEOC/DEOCs and 2 Consultants**, i.e. a total of **106 personnel**.

65. In view of the critical nature of the 24x7 functioning of SEOC/DEOCs and the requirement of uninterrupted disaster management operations, the matter was placed before the **State Executive Committee (SEC)** for consideration and appropriate directions regarding the financial arrangement for payment of remuneration to the outsourced personnel and Consultants.

Decision:-

The SEC directed that the matter regarding salary issues may be put up on separate file.

Agenda Item No. 29.18 : Proposal for revision of the monthly consultancy fee for the post of Training and Capacity Building Specialist (Long-Term Basis – Group A)

66. It was apprised to the SEC that for strengthening the Disaster Management Cell and effective implementation of various provisions of the **Disaster Management Act, 2005**, the posts of **Disaster Management Specialist (DMS)** and **Training & Capacity Building Specialist (T&CBS)**, in addition to 34 regular posts, were notified vide Departmental Notification dated **12.12.2018** for providing long-term consultancy services. The said arrangement had the approval of the **Finance Department and the Council of Ministers**.

67. The Department formulated the **Terms of Reference (ToR), rules and conditions** for both the posts. The Finance Department examined the matter and advised that the proposal regarding fixation of remuneration be placed before the **State Executive Committee (SEC)**.

68. After considering the educational qualifications, experience, expertise and nature of duties assigned to the respective experts, the remuneration of the **Disaster Management Specialist (DMS)** was fixed at **₹80,000/- per month**, while the remuneration of the **Training & Capacity Building Specialist (T&CBS)** was fixed at **₹70,000/- per month**, with an annual increment of **5%** on completion of one year of satisfactory service.

69. Keeping in view the educational qualifications, relevant experience, subject-matter expertise and duties and responsibilities associated with the post of **Training & Capacity Building Specialist**, the functions and responsibilities of the said post are comparable to those of the Disaster Management Specialist. Both posts are **Category-A posts** and involve substantially similar functions and responsibilities.

Decision of the SEC

70. The SEC recommended that the matter be processed through the departmental file, along with a detailed justification and appropriate supporting grounds, for consideration and further necessary action by the competent authority.

Agenda Item No. 29.19: Ex-Post-Facto Approval of funds received/ allocated/ utilized from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF), National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and Post Disaster Need Assessment during the Financial Year 2025-26: -

71. It was apprised to the State Executive Committee (SEC) that during the **financial year 2025-26**, the Disaster Management Cell (DM Cell) received funds under various disaster management funds/schemes, namely **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF), National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA-2023)** and the **Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States** under the earmarked Preparedness and Capacity Building Funding Window of NDRF.

72. The total **opening balance as on 01.04.2025 was ₹129.53 crore**, while funds amounting to **₹3,007.39 crore** were received during the financial year 2025-26, including the State share, resulting in a **total receipt of ₹3,136.92 crore**, including the opening balance.

73. The major receipts during the financial year included **₹441.60 crore under SDRF, ₹110.40 crore under SDMF, ₹361.77 crore under NDRF, ₹26.13 crore under the Fire Services Modernization Scheme, ₹53.10 crore under various NDMF projects, ₹2,006.40 crore under PDNA-2023, and ₹7.99 crore under the Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management under NDMF.**

74. The funds received under the respective schemes/funds are being utilized/released for the approved disaster response, mitigation, preparedness, reconstruction and risk-reduction activities as per the applicable guidelines and approvals.

75. The **District/Department-wise distribution and release of funds** during the financial year 2025-26 was placed before the SEC as detailed in **Annexure-V** was seen. The SEC **noted the receipt and distribution/release of funds during the financial year 2025-26** as presented by the Disaster Management Cell.

Decision of the SEC

76. The SEC noted the agenda item and accorded **ex-post facto approval** to the receipt and distribution/release of funds during the financial year 2025-26 under SDRF, SDMF, NDRF, NDMF, PDNA-2023 and other disaster management schemes, as detailed in the agenda item.

Additional Agenda Item No. 29.20: Proposal for Land Slide Mitigation and Erosion Control Works at Inner Akhara Bazar, MC Kullu, Tehsil and District Kullu – Requirement of Detailed Geological Assessment and Sustainable Mitigation Measures

77. It was apprised to the State Executive Committee (SEC) that the project proposal titled “**Landslide Mitigation and Erosion Control Works at Inner Akhara Bazar in MC Kullu, Tehsil and District Kullu**” (Proposal ID-766), amounting to ₹8,01,82,874/-, was placed before the Technical Appraisal Committee (TAC) in its 8th meeting held on **15.09.2026** for technical consideration.

78. During the deliberations, the TAC raised concerns regarding the sustainability and adequacy of the mitigation measures proposed in the DPR, particularly in view of the existing ground conditions and the occurrence of sliding at different patches of the site. The representative of the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** also observed that a detailed geological assessment/investigation is required to ascertain the underlying causes and mechanisms responsible for the observed slope instability and sliding at different locations.

79. The TAC further observed that the issue may not be adequately addressed through retaining wall and erosion control measures alone, as the stability of the site involves broader geological and geotechnical considerations. Accordingly, it was suggested that a **joint field inspection/site assessment** by the Chairman, TAC, along with nominated technical members of the TAC, may be undertaken to assess the site conditions and recommend appropriate, technically sound and sustainable mitigation measures.

80. It was further apprised that, considering the safety of the community and public infrastructure located in and around **Inner Akhara Bazar, Kullu**, the matter assumes importance from the disaster risk reduction and public safety perspective. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the SEC as an **Additional Agenda Item** for consideration and directions regarding the proposed field inspection, incorporation of TAC recommendations in the revised/updated DPR, and further processing of the proposal.

81. The SEC was informed that the revised/updated DPR, incorporating the recommendations arising out of the joint field inspection, would be placed before the TAC for approval through circulation. The release of the first instalment of funds to the DDMA would be considered only after approval of the revised/updated DPR by the TAC and satisfactory compliance by the Implementing Agency with the recommendations of the TAC.

Decision of the SEC

82. The SEC accorded **in-principle approval** to the project proposal, subject to the technical approval by the TAC. The revised/updated DPR, incorporating the recommendations arising from the joint field inspection, shall be placed before the TAC for technical approval before commencement of the project and release of funds.

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

Approved by,

(Kamlesh Kumar Pant)
Chief Secretary –cum - Chairman SEC to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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6. All the participants of the meeting.
7. All the DAs in DM-Cell.
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4. Sh. Jitender Sanjta, Special Secretary, (Health) to the GoHP.
5. The Deputy Commissioner, DDMA Chamba, Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Shimla, Lahaul & Spiti **HP (Virtually)**
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Annexure-I

List of Proposals Approved by the SEC

Sr. No.	Proposal ID	Name of Project	Hazard	District	Implementing Agency	Amount (₹ Crore)
Committee approved the 7 projects amounting to ₹21.56 crore for release of funds to the concerned DDMA's						
1	262	Disaster Mitigation estimate for damages due to landslide at villages Majherna, Dhanag, Jhikli Bheth, Harer, Multhan, Uhal Dhar & Burli Kothi, Tehsil Baijnath	Landslide	Kangra	Jal Shakti Vibhag, Baijnath	84,09,167
2	638	Flood Protection and Bank Erosion Control Works on Jhalman Nallah, downstream of Jhalman Bridge, Tehsil Keylong	Flood	Lahaul & Spiti	Jal Shakti Division, Keylong	6,44,75,022
3	737	Flood Protection Work for Village Rakh, Tehsil & District Chamba	Flood	Chamba	Jal Shakti Vibhag	5,62,98,313
4	835	Flood Mitigation Works to protect agricultural land and property of Police Training College Daroh, Tehsil Thural	Flood	Kangra	Jal Shakti Division, Thural	2,60,37,778
5	861	Flood Mitigation to protect HPTDC Club House at Manali and its approach road from Club House to Palchan Road	Flood	Kullu	Executive Engineer, Manali Division, HPPWD	4,60,00,000
6	827	Landslide Mitigation Measures on Naggar-Nathan-Jana-Bijli Mahadev Road, including slope stabilization and retaining walls	Landslide	Kullu	Executive Engineer, Manali Division, HPPWD	98,82,500

7	738	Additional Works for Landslide Mitigation near Vishwakarma Temple	Landslide	Mandi	H.P. PWD, Mandi-II Division	45,45,018
Total (A)						21,56,47,798
Committee accorded in-principle approval to following two projects amounting to ₹13.60 crore, subject to the recommendations of the TAC						
8	311	Drought Mitigation Works to protect ancient ponds under JSV Division Dehra	Drought	Kangra	Jal Shakti Division, Dehra	4,96,96,166
9	710	Mitigation Measures and Stabilization of Sinking Area surrounding roads between Ramchandra Chowk, Henault Public School and Housing Board Colony, Jakhoo – Phase-I	Landslide	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department	8,63,72,477
Total (B)						13,60,68,643
Grand Total (A+B)						₹35,17,16,441