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**Release of interim relief to Tamil Nadu from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)  
for 2018-19**

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Tamil Nadu faced a severe cyclonic storm “GAJA” during late night on 15<sup>th</sup> and early hours on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 and its 12 districts were severely affected.

Based on an interim memorandum submitted by Government of Tamil Nadu for additional assistance, Government of India constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) immediately on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. IMCT have visited cyclonic storm ‘GAJA’ affected areas in the State from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The Union Home Minister has approved to release 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of Central Share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) amounting to Rs. 353.70 crore, for the year 2018-19, as an interim relief on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 to help the State in providing relief measures to the affected people. Further, assistance will be provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), based on the final report of IMCT.

In the instant case, the Central Government has provided full support to the Government of Tamil Nadu by mobilizing timely logistics resources to supplement the efforts of the State Government to deal with the situation effectively in the wake of Cyclone ‘GAJA’. The logistics support provided includes adequate teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Indian Air Force and Coast Guard helicopters and Navy & Coast Guard personnel along with necessary rescue equipments.

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