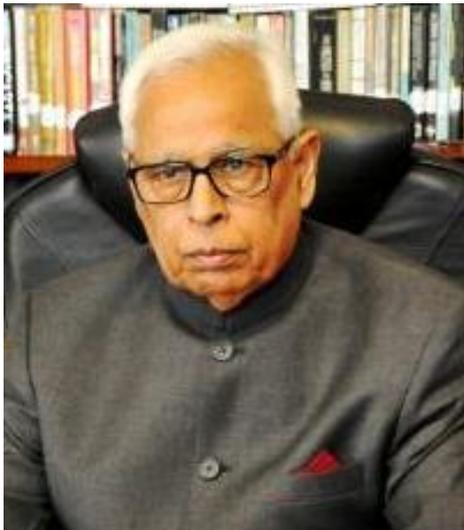


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Jehlum Post News / Jammu/Jan 28, 2015/In the backdrop of severe financial crisis being faced by the State, the Governor, Mr. N.N. Vohra has requested the Union Home Minister for the urgent clearance of the State Government's request for the release of funds under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). The Governor has also sought the Home Minister's support for the clearance of proposals contained in the Special Financial Package of Rs 44000 crore to enable the rehabilitation of the flood victims and for the restoration of the damaged public infrastructure in accordance with the provisions of the NDRF Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. A Raj Bhavan Spokesperson recalled that the State Government had submitted, in October 2014, a proposal to the Union Home Ministry for seeking financial assistance

under NDRF of Rs 44,000 crore which included Rs 2926.11 crore for providing relief to the affected families and temporary restoration of the damaged infrastructure. Consequently, an Inter-Ministerial Team had visited the State and its recommendations have recently been considered in a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee which was chaired by the Union Home Secretary.

The State Revenue and Relief Secretary had attended this meeting and additional documentation sought by the Committee has also since been made available to the Ministry of Home Affairs in support of State's claims. The Spokesperson added that early sanction of the State Government claim is critical for clearing the liabilities which have accumulated on account of the temporary restoration of the public infrastructure. After the commencement of the

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Governor's Rule, the Governor personally reviewed each and every aspect of flood relief distribution and, consequent to holding several rounds of personal discussions with all concerned officers, has addressed a detailed communication to the Union Finance Minister to seek his personal intervention for a very early and sympathetic decision for the release of funds. The Spokesperson Wednesday disclosed that the Governor is also visiting Delhi later this week for meeting the Home Minister and seeking his support for the clearance of proposals contained in the Special Financial Package, to enable the rehabilitation of the flood victims without any further delay.