

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to consider Odisha for grant of special dispensation by allowing sharing pattern of 90:10 in (SDRF) State Disaster Relief Fund at par with the North Easterns and Himalayan States.

**SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU :** Thank you Sir, as per the Disaster Risk Index worked out by the Commission for States, the score of Odisha is 90 out of 100, the highest among all the States for disasters and natural calamities. The sharing pattern in the State Disaster Response Fund as per the recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission was 90:10 for the Centre and the States respectively. However, the Union Government has modified the sharing percentage to 75:25 and released SDRF accordingly.

Sir, since our State has highest risk of disasters, I, therefore, request the hon. Prime Minister to consider Odisha as a special category and a special focus State and special dispensation may be given by allowing sharing pattern of 90:10 in SDRF at par with the North Eastern and Himalayan States.