

Proceeding of the 1st Meeting of the Program Steering Committee (PSC) held on 9th July 2025 in HP Secretariat, Shimla under the Chairmanship of Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary -cum- Chairman of Program Steering Committee, HP.

List of Participants: (Copy enclosed as Annexure-A)

At the Outset, Program Director PMU welcomed Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary of HP, Shri Kamlesh Kumar Pant, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) and all esteemed members of the Programme Steering Committee, Administrative Secretaries and other officers from different departments connected via Video Conference in the 1st Meeting of PSC. The Chairman emphasized the strategic importance of the Program in building resilience to natural hazards in Himachal Pradesh, in alignment with State and National disaster risk management frameworks.

2. Thereafter, The Program Director, PMU gave a detailed presentation on the background and evolution of the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program (HPDRRP). The program was conceptualized by HPSDMA and proposed to AFD for external funding of €100 million. The proposal received approval from the Planning Department, GoHP on 10th January 2019, and was cleared by the 104th Screening Committee of DEA on 18th February 2020. Subsequent developments included a series of consultations, technical reviews, and workshops from 2021 to 2024, culminating in the signing of the Credit Facility Agreement between DEA and AFD on 4th December 2024 in Delhi, and the Program Agreement between GoHP and AFD on 10th January 2025 in Shimla.

3. Further, the structure and role of the Program Steering Committee (PSC) were elaborated and intimated that the PSC is mandated to meet bi-annually, with scope for additional meetings as required.

After that a detailed discussion took place on the following agenda items: -

Agenda Items: 1.1 Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness (HP-DRRP) Program

4. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that the Himachal Pradesh is vulnerable to 25 out of 33 hazards identified by the Government of India's High-Powered Committee. The state faces significant risks from earthquakes, landslides, cloudbursts, flash floods, fires, and road accidents, with earthquakes being the most potentially damaging. Historical data shows that the State has experienced

over 279 earthquakes with magnitudes of 3 or above on the Richter Scale. Before the Disaster Management Act of 2005, disaster response was mainly relief-focused. However, the Act introduced a proactive approach, emphasizing prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery across all disaster phases. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) is working to enhance disaster management by improving early warning systems, modernizing emergency operations centres, integrating climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) in key sectors, and strengthening response capacities of nodal departments.

5. Thus, in the year 2019, the Disaster Management Cell on behalf of HPSDMA had posed a Himachal Pradesh-Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Program (HP-DRRRP), external Bilateral funding (100 million Euros) from French Development Agency (AFD) with an aim to improve response capacity of the State to various disasters and reduce the vulnerability of the State from various hazards by undertaking adaptation & mitigation measures. Strategically, the program is aligned with key regional and international frameworks including the Himachal Pradesh State Policy on Disaster Management (2011), the State Disaster Management Plan (revised in 2020), the Himachal Pradesh State Action Plan on Climate Change (2021-2030), and the global Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).

6. That the project was approved by State's Planning Department (10-01-2019) and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Government of India. The Screening Committee of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance during its 104th meeting held on 18th February 2020 approved the project for posing to AFD for seeking loan assistance EURO 81.95 million.

7. That on 3rd June 2020 vide letter no 2020/IND/BB/ATN 162, the AFD confirmed its in-principle interest to investigate the project and understand its preparedness for potential financing. The DPR of the project was finalised in August 2023. On December 5, 2024, the Credit Facility Agreement between DEA and AFD was signed. Subsequently, on January 10, 2025, the signing of the Program Agreement between GoHP and AFD took place in Shimla.

Decision:-

The PSC noted the background and approved the overall structure and approach of the HPDRRP.

Agenda Items:1.2 Key Components of the HPDRRP Program

8. The Program Director PMU apprised the Chairman of the PSC that under the HPDRRP

program there are three major components which are as under:

Component 1: Enhancing disaster risk governance, through Institutional capacities, risk understanding and knowledge management/dissemination

Component 2: Strengthening disaster preparedness, through effective early warning system and better emergency response capacities

Component 3: Supporting mitigation measures, including eco-DRR and nature-based solutions

The details of subcomponents are as under:

Program Components and Projects/Activities		Estimated Cost ¹		Implementing Agency*	Alignment with SDMP (relevant Section)
		EUR Mn	INR Cr		
Component 1: Enhancing disaster risk governance, through institutional capacities, risk understanding and knowledge management/dissemination					
1.1	Strengthening of HPSDMA & DDMA, State Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and District EOCs	6.96	61.94	DMC	5.3 & 5.5
1.2	Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) at Village level	1.50	13.35	DEST&CC	2
1.3	Strengthening of knowledge products related to climate change and dissemination	0.95	8.46	DEST&CC	2.11
1.4	Establishing the Himalayan Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (HCDRR)	3.25	28.93	DMC	5.3
1.5	Mainstreaming Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience in HP	4.00	35.60	DMC	-
1.6	Improvements to DRR Framework in the State	2.50	22.25	DMC	-
1.7	Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Risk Resilience in HP	2.00	17.80	DMC	-
1.8	Disaster responsive PFM systems	2.50	22.25	DMC	-
1.9	IT solutions for effective disaster mitigation and response	4.00	35.60	DMC	-
Estimated Cost for Component 1		27.66	246.17		
Component 2: Strengthening disaster preparedness, through effective early warning systems and better emergency response capacities					

¹ Amounts are rounded to the nearest two decimal places

Program Components and Projects/Activities		Estimated Cost ¹		Implementing Agency*	Alignment with SDMP (relevant Section)
		EUR Mn	INR Cr		
2.1	Developing Early Warning System (EWS) for landslide, flash floods, cloudbursts, glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) and dam safety, Improving networks for flood forecasting and Geographical Information System (GIS)-based Decision Support System (DSS)	13.50	120.15	Nodal Agency – JSV Other IAs – Dept. of Energy, AGiSAC, HIMCOSTE, HPPCL, HPPWD, BBMB, CWC	4.6 & 5.4
2.2	Developing climate/weather related forecast for agriculture and horticulture	4.60	40.94	Nodal Agency – Dept. of Horticulture Other IAs – Dept. of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, AGiSAC	5.4
2.3	Enhancing implementation of forest fire mitigation measures	4.85	43.17	HPFD	5.4
2.4	Establishment of Fire and Emergency Response cum Training Centres in unserved locations in the state	6.50	57.85	Fire Services Department	5.5 & 3.10
2.5	Establishing a State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) campus	12.59	112.05	Police - SDRF	6.3
2.6	Establishment of helipads for emergency response	2.50	22.25	Dept. of Tourism and Civil Aviation and HPPWD	5.13
2.7	Strengthening of existing Training Centres	1.14	10.15	Civil Defence and Home Guards Dept.	5.9

Program Components and Projects/Activities	Estimated Cost ¹		Implementing Agency*	Alignment with SDMP (relevant Section)
	EUR Mn	INR Cr		
Estimated Cost for Component 2	45.68	406.55		
Component 3: Supporting mitigation measures, including eco-DRR and nature-based solutions				
3.1 Mitigation and Slope Stabilization of Vulnerable Landslide Sites	8.70	77.43	HPPWD	3.7
3.2 Area-specific Bioengineering Nurseries and Interventions	3.38	30.08	HPFD	3.7
3.3 Creating Climate Change & earthquake resistant Technology Demonstration Units (TDUs) at existing engineering institutes	4.70	41.79	DMC	3.5, 3.6, 3.8 & 3.10
3.4 Implementing Hazard resistant critical infrastructure	4.54	40.40	DMC	3.5
Estimated Cost for Component 3	21.31	189.69		
Program Management	5.35	47.62		
Grand Total	100.00	890.0		

*DMC- Disaster Management Cell; DEST&CC- Department of Environment, Science, Technology & Climate Change; JSV- Jal Shakti Vibhag, CWC- Central Water Commission; AGiSAC- Aryabhata Geo-informatics & Space Application Centre; HIMCOSTE- Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment; HPPCL- Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited; HPPWD- Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department; BBMB- Bhakra Beas Management Board; IMD- Indian Meteorological Department; HPFD- Himachal Pradesh Forest Department; SDRF- State Disaster Response Force

Decision:

The component-wise structure and estimated budget were approved as proposed.

Agenda Item No 1.3 The First-Year Procurement and Expenditure Plan

9. The Program Director PMU apprised the Chairman that under the 20 Projects the 1st year Procurement and Expenditure Plan has been finalised after the round of discussions with the concerned Departments and Organisations. After detailed discussion the first year procurement plan and expenditure plan has been shared with the AFD for its approval, before sending it to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Decision: -

The Committee approved the First-Year Procurement and Expenditure Plan and its submission to the DEA post AFD concurrence.

Agenda Item No 1.4 First Drawdown under HPDRRP-AFD(N CIN 114901) for FY 2025–26 submitted to the DEA

10. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that in accordance with the Credit Facility Agreement (CFA) signed between the Department of Economic Affairs (GoI) and AFD on 4th December 2025, the PMU-HPDRRP is required to submit the first drawdown request within six months from the date of signing of the CFA.

11. That as per Clause 3.1, Page 7 of the CFA regarding Drawdown Amount, the minimum amount for the first drawdown shall be one hundred thousand Euros (EUR 100,000). For all subsequent drawdowns, the amount shall be a minimum of three million Euros (EUR 3,000,000) or an amount equal to the available facility, if it is less than EUR 3,000,000.

In this context, the first drawdown request amounting to ₹1,10,93,921/- for the financial year 2025–26 was submitted by the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) to DEA on 23rd May 2025. Now, a three,months no cost extension has been given by AFD with the concurrence of D.E.A., Ministry of Finance, Government of India for the disbursement of first drawdownof funds.The request pertains to the Landslide Mitigation work at Dudal Ki Pukhar – Chudawali Nalinal – Kalyanghatti Road, located in Tehsil Arki, District Solan (H.P.).

Decision:-

The Committee ratified and approved the submission of the first drawdown request to DEA.

Agenda Item No 1.5: To setup PMU and PMDC

12. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that the Program Management Unit (PMU) and Program Management and Design Consultancy (PMDC) are being established under the HPDRRP Program, 100% financed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and implemented by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA).

The PMU will serve as the dedicated coordination and management body for the effective planning, execution, monitoring, and reporting of project activities. The PMU may ensure efficient implementation and management of the HPDRRP Program through strategic planning, coordination among stakeholders, quality control, financial management, and timely reporting.

13. That Program Management and Design Consultancy (PMDC) is a technical and management support consultancy team hired to assist the PMU and implementing agencies in planning, designing, and executing sub-projects under HPDRRP.

The Key Role and Responsibilities of PMU and PMDC are as under:

Particular	PMU	PMDC
<p>Key Roles and Responsibilities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate among departments, implementing agencies (IAs), and stakeholders. • Monitor and evaluate physical and financial progress of projects. • Oversee compliance with environmental and social safeguards. • Manage fund flow, budgeting, and financial reporting. • Support procurement, quality control, and contract management. • Facilitate capacity building and training for stakeholders. • Compile and submit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide expert technical support in DPR preparation, engineering design, and feasibility analysis. • Assist IAs in procurement planning and bid documentation. • Monitor construction progress and provide quality assurance guidance. • Offer advisory services for climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and innovation integration. • Support implementation of environmental and social safeguards as per the ESCP. • Review, validate, and recommend bills and reports submitted by IAs. • Train and hand-hold implementing agency personnel

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	progress reports to GoHP and AFD.	for sustained capacity. • Submit technical reports and provide feedback to PMU for strategic decisions.
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Decision:-

The Committee approved the establishment of PMU and PMDC under HPDRRP.

Agenda Item No 1.6 Management Structure of the Program

14. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that in order to successfully implement the Program there is a provision under POM on page 32 to constitute following committees:

- a) The Program Steering Committee (PSC)
- b) The Program Executive Committee (PEC)

15. The Program Steering Committee (PSC) and the Program Executive Committee (PEC) are the two key bodies responsible for the governance and implementation of the Program. The State Executive Committee of SDMA shall act as Project Steering Committee of this HPDRRP Program. The PSC, chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, serves as the Apex decision-making body, providing high-level strategic direction, policy guidance, and oversight to ensure alignment with state and national disaster risk management goals. It meets at least twice a year and ensures gender representation. The PEC, chaired by the Administrative Secretary (Revenue), is responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the Program, including approval of annual plans and budgets, financial monitoring, inter-agency coordination, and compliance with fiduciary norms. The PEC meets quarterly and includes heads of implementing agencies, technical experts, and observers from AFD and NDMA as required. Both committees work together to guide the Program towards its objectives while promoting inclusivity and accountability.

The brief details of role and responsibility of both committees are as under:

Particular	Program Steering Committee (PSC)	Program Executive Committee (PEC)
Purpose	Apex decision-making body providing strategic direction and oversight	Main operational body overseeing day-to-day program implementation
Level	Strategic / Policy	Operational / Execution
Chairperson	Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh	Administrative Secretary (Revenue), Government of Himachal Pradesh
Members	Members of the State Executive Committee of HPSDMA	Heads of Departments of Implementing Agencies; Technical Experts (if needed); AFD/NDMA observers (optional)
Secretary	Not specified	Program Director, HPDRRP
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide strategic guidance - Monitor overall program progress - Endorse policy, institutional and financial decisions - Ensure ownership and accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve annual work plan and budget - Oversee financial and procurement compliance - Facilitate inter-agency coordination - Delegate to technical committees - Recommend changes to rules/regulations
Meeting Frequency	At least twice a year (bi-annually)	At least four times a year (quarterly); additional meetings if needed
Meeting Notice / Quorum	Not specifically detailed	Seven-day notice (shorter in urgency), quorum is 50% including Chairperson
Gender Considerations	Gender-inclusive composition encouraged	Gender-inclusive composition encouraged

Decision:

The Committee approved the constitution of the PEC under the chairmanship of Administrative Secretary (Revenue).

Agenda Item No 1.7Himalayan Centre for Disaster Risk Reductionand other

16. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that based on the disaster events of 2023 and the recommendations of the PDNA report, it has been observed that given the State's high vulnerability to various hazards, there is a critical need for a comprehensive understanding of disaster occurrences and associated vulnerabilities. To address these challenges, several interventions have been proposed to bridge the gaps identified in the PDNA report. One of the key recommendations is the establishment of a dedicated centre to conduct scientific assessments, research studies, undertaking training and capacity building and guide DRR measures across the hill state of Himachal Pradesh.

17. That, a State Institute for Disaster Management (SIDM) was initially proposed under the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction Program (HPDRR), funded by AFD. Based on the PDNA report's recommendations, SIDM has now been renamed as "Himalayan Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction (HCDRR)". Considering its role as a dedicated research centre for DRR related activities and training Centre for officers and officials at various levels, MS HIPA has been proposed as the location for setting up this Institute by the Disaster Management Cell (DMC).

18. To assess the site's suitability, the AFD team visited MS HIPA on 3rd September 2024 and 30th January 2025, and found it appropriate for the purpose. During the visit, the MS HIPA has also expressed its keen interest in hosting the Centre and provided justifications for its establishment within the MS HIPA campus.

19. Additionally, on 17th January 2025, the Disaster Management Cell conducted a drone survey of the site to further evaluate its feasibility. The survey confirmed that the site is well connected by road and is adjacent to the MSHIPA campus, making it a suitable location for the proposed center. SDMA chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister in its meeting dated 07.07.2025, has decided to set up HCDRR Center at MS HIPA and Research and development activity will be done at Himachal Pradesh University.

Details of Key components proposed under HP DRRP which require undertaking construction activities with location is given as follows: -

Location of Proposed sites under HPDRRP

S.N	Name of Activity	Location
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1	Strengthening of HPSDMA & DDMA's, State Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and District EOCs	<p>HPSDMA & SEOC</p> <p>To be established in Shimla City, near the Secretariat; the exact location is yet to be finalized.</p> <p>DDMA's DEOCs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kullu 2. Kinnaur 3. Kangra 4. Sirmaur 5. Solan 6. Hamirpur
2	Establishing Himalayan Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction"	To be setup at MS HIPA
3	Early Warning System (EWS)	<p>Installation of Early Warning System (EWS) across the State to mitigate the Hazards as mentioned under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Landslide, ✓ Flash floods, ✓ Cloudbursts, ✓ Glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) <p>Major Equipment/technologies to be used to mitigate impacts of hazards:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) ✓ Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs) ✓ Real-time River Level Monitoring through Sensors ✓ Remote Sensing and GIS-Based Landslide Susceptibility Mapping. ✓ IoT-Based Sensors – deployed in vulnerable slopes for movement detection. ✓ Glacial Lake Monitoring with Remote Sensing – through ISRO, NRSC, etc. ✓ Early Warning Sirens/Alerts in downstream villages.
4	Establishment of Fire and Emergency Response cum Training Centres in unserved locations in the	Location to be decided on file by Hon'ble Chief Minister of HP as decided in SDMA meeting held on dated 07.07.2025.

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5	SDRF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a SDRF campus at Palampur Kangra. • Subject to availability of funds, a second campus at another location may also be developed.
6	Establishment of helipads for emergency response	Location to be decided on file by Hon'ble Chief Minister of HP as decided in SDMA meeting held on dated 07.07.2025.
7	Strengthening of existing Training Centres	BTC at Markand , District Bilaspur
8	TDU	TDU to be setup at Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Engineering College.

Decision:-

1. The Committee approved the setting up of HCDRR at MS HIPA campus, Shimla and other components. However a committee will examine all such proposals carefully.
2. The Committee directed that the matter regarding the establishment of Fire and Emergency Response-cum-Training Centres and the establishment of helipads for emergency response be processed in a separate file, as per the directions issued during the SDMA meeting held on 07.07.2025.

Agenda Item No 1.8: Technical Mission of Expertise France (Group AFD)

20. The PSC was informed that in support of the implementation of the Disaster Risk Reduction Program, tailored-made technical assistance (TA) to be provided by AFD will be implemented through a €500k FEXTE envelope. The financial and technical management of this TA is delegated to Expertise France (Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Adaptation division), which is the subsidiary of AFD focusing on technical cooperation. This TA aims to intervene in the following areas of French expertise, where French experts and officers can exchange knowledge and practices, with a dual approach of influence and economic diplomacy:

Sub-component 1: Forest Fire Management (Prevention Measures)

Beneficiaries: Forest Fire Department of Himachal Pradesh, Fire Department of Himachal Pradesh will be benefitted through this TA.

TA by AFD Group includes:

- Support in developing specific or comparative studies

- Sharing and formulating best practices tailored to the region
- Drafting directives for forest fire management
- Creating and deploying GIS tools
- Exposure visits

Sub-component 2: Mountain Rescue and Relief Operations

Beneficiaries: State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) of Himachal Pradesh, State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) will be benefitted through this TA.

TA by AFD Group includes:

- Drafting and evaluating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Drafting technical specifications for equipment
- Delivering Training of Trainers (ToT) courses (basic to advanced levels)
- Ensuring integration into a broader training curriculum
- Exposure visits

Decision:

The Committee took note of the proposed Technical Assistance and welcomed the support. Both the Forest and SDRF were advised to prepare plan of action based on the training of the T.A.

Agenda Item No 1.9 Progress of the Program and approval of Program Operations

Manual (POM)

21. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that under the Program, the Disaster Management Cell (DMC) requested the Finance Department to open a specific Head of Account for proper allocation of funds to implement project activities and achieve program objectives. In this regard, the Finance Department opened the Head of Account, which has been officially notified by the finance vide notification no Fin-G-C002/05/2025 dated 07th May 2025. Additionally, the Finance Department has approved an allocation of ₹50 crore as additionality. An amount of Rs. 33.70 crore has been disbursed to implementing Agencies

22. That in order to support effective program implementation, provisions have been made in the Program Operations Manual (POM) for hiring consultancies in areas such as mainstreaming gender in disaster risk resilience, disaster-responsive public financial management (PFM) systems, IT solutions for disaster mitigation and response, Independent Verification Agencies (IVA), and the PMU and

PMDC. In this context, the Expression of Interest (EOI) for PMU and PMDC was published, firms have been shortlisted, and the RFP for the PMU has already been issued and is in the process of finalization by August first week of 2025. The remaining RFPs will be published in due course. Additionally, the DMC is in process of finalizing the hiring of office accommodation for PMU and PMDC after following the due process. Upon receiving the Rent Reasonability Certificate (RRC) from PWD, the offer letter will be issued to the selected property owner, situated at BCS, New Shimla.

23 For smooth functioning of PMU and PMDC, the POM also includes the provision for hiring six vehicles (three for each unit). The operational costs of the PMU, including salaries and remuneration, office rent for PMU and PMDC, vehicle expenses, other operating costs, infrastructure setup, and training and capacity-building activities, are fully funded under the AFD program with **no state share** involved, based on reimbursement track.

24. As highlighted in the POM, all construction activities under the program must comply with the GRIHA 2019 Standards, with a minimum Four-Star Rating. In line with this, a training program was conducted on 28th April 2025 at MS HIPA by the DMC for engineers and architects from stakeholder departments. Furthermore, under the component on bioengineering solutions, a training program on Nature-Based Solutions has been held on 20–21 June 2025 at MS HIPA, organized by the DMC in collaboration with Coalition for Disaster Risk Resilience (CDRI), the research and knowledge partners of AFD.

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Decision:

The Committee noted the progress and appreciated the steps taken by the Disaster Management Cell and also decided to approve the Program Operations Manual.

Agenda Item No 1.10 Delegation of Financial Powers and Operational Expenses etc.

25. The Program Director PMU apprised the PSC that delegation of financial Powers to Program Director HPDRRP up to Rs. two lakh towards operational expenses of the PMU/PMDC and travel expenditure and boarding/lodging to Program Director and Section Officer (F&A) on actuals or amount decided by the Competent Authority as would be allowed to PMU/PMDC personnel for official tours / discharge of official duties.

Decision:

The Committee approved the delegation of financial powers to the Program Director, HPDRRP.

Agenda Item no. 1.11 Request for Approval of ₹1,12,100/- for Hiring Consultancy Services to Process FCA Clearance for SDRF Land at Shimla

26. The PSC was informed that the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) in Himachal Pradesh plays a critical role in responding to natural and man-made disasters across the state. Trained in specialized disaster response techniques including search and rescue, medical first response, and flood relief operations. To strengthen its operational capacity, the establishment of permanent infrastructure and operational facilities for SDRF at Shimla has been envisaged.

27. SDRF has been identified land for the establishment of permanent infrastructure and operational facilities of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) at Shimla. As part of the statutory requirements, the land in question falls under forest category, and therefore, necessary forest clearances are to be obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 (FCA).

28. Initiating and processing the FCA clearance involves technical procedures, preparation of comprehensive proposals, site inspections, mapping, and coordination with various departments. Given the complexity and highly specialized nature of this process, it is essential to engage experienced consultancy services for the preparation and submission of the FCA proposal in the prescribed online format.

29. Accordingly, quotations were invited from qualified and competent consultancy firms. The entire process of calling and evaluating quotations has been carried out following all codal formalities and provisions under the Himachal Pradesh Financial Rules (HPFR), 2009. The lowest responsive quotation has been finalized at a total amount of 1,12,100/- (Rupees One Lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred only with GST).

30. A total amount of ₹1,12,100/- is requested by SDRF for hiring consultancy services to initiate and process the FCA clearance for the SDRF land in Shimla.

Decision:

The Committee approved the proposal for hiring consultancy services for FCA clearance at a cost of ₹1,12,100/-.


31. In the concluding remarks, the Chairman appreciated the coordinated efforts of the Disaster Management Cell and all stakeholders and urged for timely execution of project activities with due adherence to quality and compliance standards. Emphasis was placed on integrating innovation, sustainability, and gender inclusiveness in all components of the program.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Approved by,

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

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Annexure-I

1. Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary, GoHP, Shimla.
2. Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Pant, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue), GoHP Shimla.
3. Sh. Devesh Kumar, Pr. Secretary (Finance)GoHP, Shimla.
4. Ms. M. Sudha Devi, Secretary (Health) GoHP, Shimla.
5. Dr. Abhishek Jain,Secretary (PW) GoHP.
6. Ms. Satwant Atwal, ADGP, HG, FS & Fire
7. Sh. DC Rana,Director- cum Ex officio Special Secretary
8. Sh. Nishant Thakur, Additional Secretary (Rev-DM) -cum- Program Directo, HPDRRP Program.
9. Sh. Arjit Sen Thakur, SP SDRF, Shimla
10. Sh. Suresh Attri, Chief Scientific Officer, Environment Science & Technology, Shimla.
11. Sh. Sanjeev, Chief Fire Officer, Shimla.
12. Sh. Bhupender Kumar Attri, Commissioner, MC Shimla.
13. Sh. Sameer Rastogi, PCCF (HOFF), HP
14. Dr. Khyal Chand, Assistant Professor, DM -Division, HIPA, Shimla.
15. Sh. Atul Jyoti, SE, Works, HP PWD Shimla.
16. Ms. Anshula, AFD (Virtually)
17. Ms. Suman Chahal, TCBC (Rev-DMC)
18. Miss Preeti Negi, TCBC (Rev-DMC)

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