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Ministry of Home Affairs  
( National Disaster Management Division)

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated the 24th September, 2003.

To  
The Relief Commissioners  
(All States/UTs)

Sub:- **Procurement of Search, Rescue and Evacuation Equipments in the State/UTs out of Central Relief Fund (CRF) allocation.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to this Ministry letter No.32-3/2003 dated 23rd April 2003.

The amended list of items and revised norms of expenditure to be followed for incurring expenditure out of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for the period between 2000-2005 was circulated vide letter under reference.

It may kindly be recalled that essential search, rescue and evacuation equipments including communication equipments could be procured out of CRF subject to a ceiling of 10% of the allocation of the year. This matter was also discussed during the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 and it was requested to procure essential search and rescue equipments to the extent possible out of the available fund under CRF as per requirements of the States but we have not heard so far from the States in this matter.

You are requested to kindly intimate the present status regarding procurement of search and rescue equipments out of the CRF allocation of the year in respect of your State.

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