

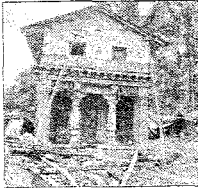
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Centre okays Rs 1,200-crore flood relief for Karnataka

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Amid criticism over the delay in releasing central funds for flood relief, the Centre on Friday announced "advance release" of Rs 1,200 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) to Karnataka. Along with Karnataka, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also approved the advance release of Rs 613.75 crore for Bihar, which has also been ravaged by floods. "The states of Karnataka and Bihar have apprised of paucity of funds in the SDRF account resulting in delay in providing relief assistance to the affected people and requested release of advance additional financial assistance from NDRF," an official statement said. **► Floods, Page 4**



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"Keeping in view the severity of flood situation and the fund positions in the SDRF account of the states of Bihar and Karnataka, the Home Minister has approved release of Rs 400 crore to Bihar and Rs 1,200 crore to Karnataka from NDRF on account basis," it said.

The announcement came as Opposition leaders in Karnataka mounted a fresh attack on the BJP governments at the Centre and the state. Following mismatch in the assessment of an inter-ministerial central team and the state government over the loss caused by July-August floods, state officials had clarified its figures to the MHA on Thursday, and are expected to provide another detailed clarification next week.

The BJP also faced criticism from within, with its Bijapur MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal on Friday being slapped a show cause notice by the party for his outburst at the Centre and the Karnataka government over delay in sanctioning flood relief.

The Karnataka government had submitted a report to the Centre claiming that the July-August floods caused a loss of around Rs 35,160.81 crore.

However, the assessment by the central team, which submitted its report, pegged the loss much lower.