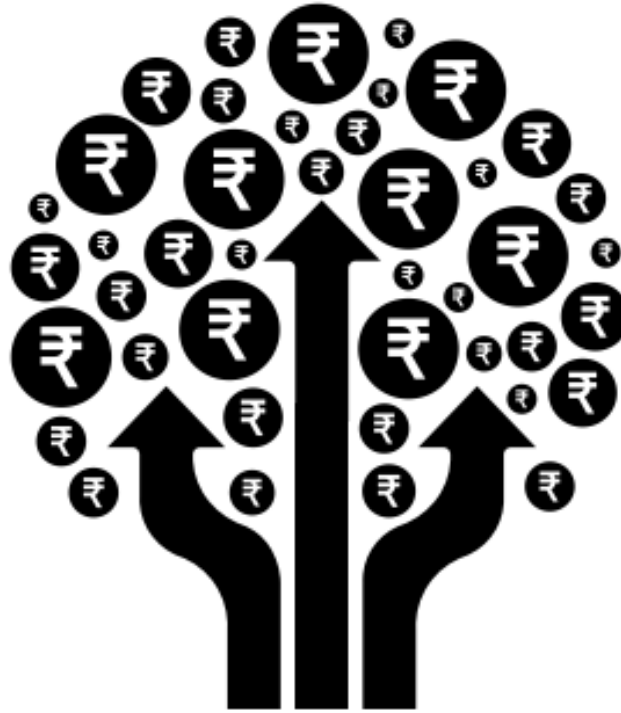




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2.34 We have held extensive consultations with the States and the relevant ministries of the Union Government and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). We have also consulted various expert institutions to deepen our understanding of the impact of the past recommendations and to identify areas where a course correction is needed. The expertise of institutions like the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water has informed our understanding of disaster risk assessment. Their inputs have been integral to our deliberative process.

Stakeholder Consultation

11.22 We held detailed discussions with various stakeholders on this subject as part of our overall consultation process. In addition to Union and State Governments, interactions were also held with NDMA, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), the Principal Accountant General (Audit) of each State, and two thematic workshops were organised on various aspects of disaster management. First workshop on Disaster Risks Financing was organised in collaboration with the World Bank, and second on Disaster Risk Reduction - Special Focus on Himalayan Disaster Resilience in collaboration with NIDM and the University of Ladakh. Disaster Management was also an important theme of the regional workshops, as explained in Chapter 1.

Studies Commissioned

11.35 A few research studies were undertaken to assess the need and impact of disaster risk financing and extreme weather events. CDRI, along with Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), had undertaken work on improving the DRI under the active guidance of the Commission. The World Bank has undertaken a study on the fund utilisation of SDRF, SDMF, NDRF & NDMF, and a review of DRI, as well as an analysis of extreme weather events, climate change, and economic impacts while IIT Roorkee has undertaken a study on financing disaster risk management. The outcomes from these studies have informed and enhanced our understanding of disaster risk management and its financing.

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