

MEGHALAYA ACT 25 OF 1980

THE MEGHALAYA NATURAL CALAMITIES RELIEF FUND ACT, 1980

(As passed by the Assembly)

[Received the assent of the Governor of Meghalaya on 17th December, 1980]

An

Act

to provide for the establishment and maintenance in the State Meghalaya of a fund called the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Thirty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund Act, 1980.
(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Meghalaya.
(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Definition.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "Fund" means the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund established under Section 3.

Establishment of the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund.
a Fund to

3. On the commencement of this Act, the State Government shall establish in an for the State of Meghalaya be called the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund which shall consist of :-
(i) contribution by the State Government under Section 4.
(ii) any contribution by the Government of India;
(iii) such other sums as the State Government may transfer from the unspent balance of the budget provisions of any year under Section 4 and
(iv) Donation, if any, by the public, any institution, autonomous body, association or authority.

Initial contribution to the Meghalaya Natural Calamities Relief Fund.
contribution, to

4. As soon as may be after the commencement of this Act, the State Government shall make an initial contribution of a sum of Rupees ten lakhs from the head "289-Relief on account of Natural Calamities" from the budget for the year 1981-82 or the unspent balance thereof on the 31st March, 1981 and thereafter make an annual contribution of the sum equal to the margin money recommended by the Finance Commission.

Purpose for which the be utilised.

5. Withdrawal from the Fund shall not be made except to Fund may cover the expenditure on relief of distress caused by flood, cyclone, hailstorm, drought, earthquake, or the calamities as may be notified by the State Government for the purpose.

Investment and re-investment of the amount not required.
amounts which

6. The State Government shall, from time to time invest or reinvest in easily encashable securities all may not be immediately required for any of the purposes mentioned in section 5 and the interest accrued thereon to the credit of the Fund.

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| Accounts of the Fund and
up of the deficiency in the Fund. | 7. (1) The accounts of the Fund shall be made up at the end making
of each financial year in a proforma account as may be
prescribed by rules made under this Act.

(2) If the accounts so made up in respect of any year shows
that the balance at the credit of the Fund falls short of Rupees
fifteen lakhs, the deficiency shall be made up by contribution
from the revenues of the State Government. |
| Power to make rules. | 8. The State Government may make rules for carrying out
the purposes of this act. |
| Repeal of Assam Act
1948. | 9. The Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund Act 1948 is hereby repealed. |

