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No. 31-52/2003 - NDM.I
Government of India
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Dated the 12th September, 2003.

To
The Chief Secretaries
[of all State Governments]

Sir,


The policy of the Government of India is not to make any request for assistance in the wake of natural calamities. Instances have, however, come to notice where the State Governments/Relief Commissioners have made direct requests to aid agencies of foreign governments/UN agencies for assistance in the aftermath of floods/other calamities. This has caused avoidable embarrassment to the Government of India. There are sufficient funding arrangements under the CRF/NCCF for provision of relief in the wake of natural calamities. I am, therefore, directed to request you that the Relief Commissioners may be advised not to make any requests for assistance to foreign aid agencies/UN agencies. Where any additional resources are required, this Ministry may please be informed so that necessary steps can be taken by the Government of India to supplement the efforts of the State Government in accordance with the norms laid down.


Yours faithfully,


[R.K. Singh]
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Copy to all Relief Commissioners for information/appropriate action.

Copy also to all Resident Commissioners, New Delhi for necessary follow up.


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