



Wayanad Landslides and Disaster Status

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The Union government has informed Kerala that the [Wayanad landslides](#) occurred in July 2024 cannot be declared as '[National Disaster](#)', citing **existing provisions and funds available for relief operations**.

- Wayanad landslides caused major damage to lives and property, prompting the Kerala government to request Rs 900 crore from the Centre for relief and rehabilitation efforts.
- **Centre's Response:** The Central Government clarified that there is **no provision to declare any calamity a "National Disaster"** under the existing guidelines of the [State Disaster Response Fund\(SDRF\)](#) and the [National Disaster Response Fund \(NDRF\)](#).
 - Centre stated that **disaster management is primarily the state's responsibility**, with the Centre offering logistical and financial support.
 - Financial relief for affected individuals comes from the **SDRF for 12 notified** natural disasters, **including floods and landslides**.
 - In severe disasters, additional funds can be allocated from the NDRF after an assessment by an [Inter-Ministerial Central Team \(IMCT\)](#).
- **Disaster:** As per the **Disaster Management(DM) Act 2005**, a disaster is defined as "a catastrophe, mishap, calamity or grave occurrence in any area, arising from natural or man-made cause, or by accident."
 - **Section 46(I) and Section 48(I)(a) of the DM Act, 2005** mandate the creation of a NDRF at the national level and a SDRF at the state level.

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