

Q Explain the various measures taken by the Centre to support the State Govt. during recent pandemic.

Soln  
 During COVID-19 the Centre Govt helped the State Govt to overcome from the pandemic effects and post-pandemic situation as well.

A Centre's support to State Govt.

⇒ Financially:

- Gave 11 thousand crore money to State Govt as a State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) Fund (SDRF)
- Gave permission to gain & borrow loan from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for ~~over~~ overcome of loss faced and for welfare.
- Distribute GST Collection as per req.
- Provided vaccine as it was req. by State at a subsidised rate.

⇒ Manpower:

- Provided Officers from SDRF, NDRF National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) and various other req. things to tackle from disaster.
  - in Odisha → Typhoon
  - in West Bengal → heavy rain
  - etc

• allowed and gave Civil Defence Forces official to help administration to manage the lockdown.

⇒ Medically:

→ Provided vaccine at less cost seeking Maximum no. of cases and demand of vaccine

→ Provided test kit, PPE kit and various other equipment needed in Hospital be it private or Govt.

→ Conclusion:

The pandemic can be tackled by collaboration with the together fighting and not by fighting alone. The benefit of having a federal quasi-federal state and shows the power and support distribution between Centre and state.