

Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF)

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Key Facts

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During the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), funds from the Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF) and Prime Minister Relief Fund (PMRF) can be disbursed for emergency medical conditions, as clarified by the Chief Electoral Office.



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About Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF):

- Established in 1971, CMRF offers **immediate assistance to individuals** impacted by natural disasters, road accidents, fires, loss of life among family members, and health issues.
- The fund is **made up of voluntary donations** from individuals, NRIs, service organizations, industrialists, artists, and writers.
- Donations to the CMRF are **exempt from income tax**.

Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF):

- It is a fund similar to CMRF.
- PMNRF was **established in 1948** by then **Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru**, and is **entirely funded by public contributions**.

Model Code of Conduct (MCC):

- The MCC of ECI is a **set of guidelines issued to regulate political parties and candidates prior to elections**.
- The rules range from **issues related to speeches**, polling day, polling booths, portfolios, the **content of election manifestos**, processions, and general conduct, **so that free and fair elections are conducted**.
- The MCC comes into force from the date the **election schedule is announced until the date that results are out**.
- It has **no statutory backing**.