



**Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

CYCLONE URGENT

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From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Health & FW Department
The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., RD Department
The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner-cum- Secretary to Govt.,
Energy Dept./ Fisheries & ARD Dept./ FS & CW Dept./ Home Dept./ Housing
& UD Dept./ Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Dept./ Water Resources Dept./
Works Dept/ W & CD Dept.

Sub: Preparedness measures to be taken in view of approaching cyclonic storm "AMPHAN".

Sir,

As informed by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bhubaneswar , The Severe Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over Southeast Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood slightly moved and lay centred over central parts of South Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood at 1130 hrs IST of today, the 17th May, 2020 near latitude 11.5°N and longitude 86.0°E, about 980 km south of Paradip (Odisha), 1130 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 1250 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh). It is very likely to intensify further into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 12 hours. It is very likely to move nearly northwards slowly during next 24 hours and then re-curve north- northeastwards and move fast across northwest Bay of Bengal and cross West Bengal – Bangladesh coasts between Digha (West Bengal) and Hatiya Islands (Bangladesh) during the Afternoon / Evening of 20th May 2020 as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm.

In view of the possible adverse situations due to this cyclonic storm, Collectors of 13 districts (Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Nayagarh, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar) have been alerted to remain in preparedness to meet any eventuality.

In this context, the gist of decisions taken in the preparedness meeting taken by Chief Secretary on 15.5.2020 (minutes communicated vide Letter no. 2743/ R &DM(DM) dt.16.5.20) are indicated below.

You are requested to kindly review the action taken by your department and ensure that all preparedness measures are in place to encounter the approaching cyclone "AMPHAN".

1. Prior arrangements for quick restoration of power supply & Pre-positioning of equipment like crane, tree cutter and skilled staff in the likely cyclone affected areas.
2. Provision of safe drinking water, supply of halazone tablets, bleaching powder during and in the immediate aftermath of cyclone.
3. Alternative power arrangement for water supply systems for uninterrupted services. Readiness of D.G sets.
4. Arrangement for care of children, women and other vulnerable sections. Special care for pregnant women / nursing mothers,
5. Arrangement for stocking of veterinary medicines in veterinary dispensaries and cattle vaccination. Readiness of list of suppliers of cattle feed.
6. Stocking of food stuffs & PDS commodities in advance in remote/ inaccessible pockets likely to be affected by cyclone and also arrangements for adequate stock of petrol/ diesel by petrol pumps. Readiness of list of suppliers of Chuda, Gud, Matchbox and Candle .
7. Availability of essential medicines in hospitals at different levels, Plan for deployment of mobile health teams and opening of medical relief centres. Alternative power back up arrangements in PHCs/ CHCs/ District HQ Hospitals.
8. Arrangements for immediate restoration of roads for clearance of relief lines within shortest possible time.
9. Readiness of Inventory of machineries/ Emergency equipment with the Govt. Sector and private sector.
10. Prior arrangements for clearing of debris/ quick restoration of road communications, if damaged or disrupted
11. Depletion of reservoirs, where required and flood monitoring & response.

Yours faithfully,



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