



Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner

Cyclone / Most Urgent

No. 2785/R&DM(DM)

Date: 18.05.2020

From

Pradeep Jena, IAS
Special Relief Commissioner &
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Disaster Management

To

The Collector
Balasore/ Bhadrak/ Kendrapara/ Jagatsinghpur

Sub: Executing evacuation of vulnerable people to safe shelters

Sir,

The latest bulletin of India Meteorological Department (IMD) indicates that the Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 18th May, 2020 over west-central and adjoining central parts of South Bay of Bengal about 780 km nearly south of Paradip (Odisha), 930 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal). It is **very likely to intensify further into a Super Cyclonic Storm during next 6 hours** 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. The forecast indicates that the **sustained wind speed along & off North Odisha coast could 110 to 120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph.**

Keeping the above in view and especially the wind speed that is likely to prevail, you are directed to take immediate steps to evacuate all people living in thatched, asbestos, tile or any other sloped roof houses, huts or in low lying areas in the possible affected areas of your district, to the nearest Multipurpose Cyclone/ Flood Shelters or other identified safe buildings. As far as possible, the evacuation should be completed today (18.5.2020) and if some people are left over, they may be shifted to the shelter on 19.05.2020 FN unfalingly. Proper arrangement of food, water, lightning, sanitation and health facility may be ensured in all shelters. Information about the no. of people planned for evacuation and nos. evacuated (block-wise) may be updated every hour through whatsapp to me as well as the State EOC (Mob:7682982668).


Yours faithfully,


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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,
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Copy forwarded the Collector, Puri/ Khordha/ Cuttack/ Jajpur/ Mayurbhanj for information. They are requested to assess the situation in respective districts and take necessary steps for evacuation of people living in vulnerable conditions, if any, to safe shelters within the timeline mentioned above and update from time to time.


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Copy forwarded the Commissioner of Police, BBSR-CTC/ Superintendent of Police, Balasore/ Bhadrak/ Kendrapara/ Jagatsinghpur/ Puri/ Khordha/ Cuttack/ Jajpur/ Mayurbhanj for information and necessary action.


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Copy forwarded the Chief Secretary/ Director General of Police for kind information.


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