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PRESS NOTE

The Government of West Bengal is carrying out extensive relief, rehabilitation and restoration operations across the flood- and landslide-affected regions of North Bengal. Under the guidance of the Hon'ble CM, district administrations in coordination with line departments are working on a war footing to restore normalcy for the affected families.

The State Government has constituted a State-level Task Force for relief, restoration and reconstruction works. The Task Force held its first meeting today, attended by Shri Moley Ghatak, Hon'ble MIC (Judicial, Law & Labour), Shri Udayan Guha, Hon'ble MIC (North Bengal Development), Shri Goutam Deb, Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Shri Anit Thapa, Chief Executive, GTA, Dr. Nirmal Chandra Roy, MLA (Dhupguri AC), the Chief Secretary and Head of departments of Home & Hill Affairs, Finance, Irrigation & Waterways, North Bengal Development, Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Agriculture, Health, Power, Forests, PWD and P&RD, along with DMs of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Cooch Behar. The Task Force reviewed ongoing relief measures and discussed immediate and long-term restoration works, focusing on housing damage assessment, roads, permanent infrastructure repair, desiltation and plantation drives.

In Jalpaiguri, safe drinking water supply and kerosene distribution are being carried out across the affected areas. Civil defence volunteers are engaged in cleaning, debris removal and minor repairs in Charerbari, Tarabari, Amguri, Dhupguri and Nagrakata. In Darjeeling, 19 relief shelters housing 640 persons are operational, with ongoing distribution of essentials. Over 200 damage assessment teams and 21 outreach camps are assisting with housing and infrastructure damage assessment and reissuance of documents. Connectivity is being restored at Dudhia Bridge, Tabakoshi and Thanaline. Sufal Bangla stalls are ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities and vector control teams are actively implementing public health and sanitation measures. Similar outreach camps have been organized in Kalimpong and Alipurduar for reissuance of lost and damaged documents.

The Agriculture Department has organized camps under Bangla Shasya Bima Yojana, revived 71% of inundated fields covering 13,400 hectares and distributed 582 quintals of seeds. Under WBSRDA, restoration of key rural roads is progressing swiftly. The PWD's Hume Pipe vented causeway at Dudhia will be operational very soon, restoring vehicular access to Mirik.

The Government of West Bengal remains committed to the safety, rehabilitation and complete recovery of all the affected families, with operations continuing until full normalcy is restored across North Bengal.