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Nabanna, Howrah.

Press Note

Unprecedented heavy rainfall in the North Bengal Districts on 4th and 5th October 2025 caused extreme inundation, landslides, and breaches of embankments; damage to infrastructure, affecting thousands of families and loss of precious lives.

The rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures were immediately undertaken by the district administration. Hon'ble Chief Minister personally supervised the relief operations, interacted with the affected families and inspected the affected areas.

As per the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, intense efforts for relief and rehabilitation operations are currently underway by the district administration in close coordination with related line departments and agencies to address the ongoing situation and to restore normalcy and to ensure the safety and well-being of affected people and safeguard their livelihood.

Firm and effective steps have already been taken in connection with relief, rescue, restoration and rehabilitation operation in the affected districts. More than Rs 3 crore have been distributed as relief contingency and a total of Rs. 1.60 crore has been sanctioned to the next of kins of the deceased as ex-gratia. Cash GR along with 3 Lakh Tarpaulins and 4.5 lakh Garment sets have already been further allotted to the affected districts.

More than 15,000 Disaster Management kits having items of basic necessities been allotted to the needy people. Besides 45 gruel kitchens are running to provide cooked food to the displaced people. More than ten thousand people are provided shelter in 35 camps in the affected areas.

Round the clock Control Rooms are operational at the State, District, Sub-Division and Block Level to monitor the situation in all the five districts.

Crop damage assessments are going on in all affected villages and help is being extended to the inhabitants to save standing crops. Affected farmers may apply for crop damage claims under Bangla Shasya Bima Yojna through special camps and at Amar Para Amar Samadhan Camps. Twenty-Nine additional Sufal Bangla outlets are running along with the

100 existing outlets in the flood and landslide affected districts and supplying vegetable, grains and other perishables commodities at reasonable rates.

Senior officers are camping in the districts and supervising the relief and rehabilitation measures. Dr Pradip Mazumdar, Hon'ble MIC, P & RD Department visited affected areas in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar District and interacted with farmers affected by inundation. In his presence, various inputs for horticulture and agriculture including high-yielding variety seeds, lentils, fungicide, pesticide, micro nutrients etc. were handed over to the farmers.

Special camps have been organised in the affected areas to reissue various certificates, documents etc that may have been lost in the calamity. School students have been provided with books, note books and other study materials.

The restoration works of damaged bridges and roads are going on in full swing. A temporary bamboo bridge has been constructed at Kullapara , Dhupguri as an immediate measure to provide connectivity. The construction of bridge at Dudhia is in progress and soon connectivity will be restored.

Officials of PHE, Health, PWD, Power, Irrigation and Waterways, ARD, Forest Departments are assessing the associated damages and loss of livestock and plantation and to extend immediate assistance.