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CM Sarma assesses disaster mitigation plan before seasonal flood

Asks DCs to complete fortification of all weak embankments and creation of task force

Dispur, May 23: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma asked the Deputy Commissioners of all the districts to adopt the '3-R' strategy Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation to reach out to the people affected by flood. He also asked them to create 'Task Force' both at the district and circle level to assess the size and grant compensation to the flood affected victims.

Talking to the Deputy Commissioners via video conference here today to assess preparedness of the districts to deal with seasonal flood, Chief Minister Sarma asked the DCs to pursue 'rescue, relief and rehabilitation' approach to help the flood affected people. He also asked the DCs to create task force at the district and circle level to assess the volume of damage perpetrated by flood and decide on the compensation to be given to the flood affected people.

Asking the DCs to keep their district disaster management plan ready, Sarma asked them to set up relief camps in compliance to the COVID 19 protocols. He also asked the DCs to take the services of 'AAPADA Mitra' and 'Pratirodhi Bondhu' to serve the flood affected people.

Assessing the condition of embankments across the state, Chief Minister Sarma asked Principal Secretary Revenue and Disaster Management Avinash Joshi to complete all pending works to fortify the embankments to mitigate the impact of flood. He also asked the department to prepare a robust evacuation plan.

Chief Minister Sarma also asked the DCs to put up their dedicated front to deal with flood and take steps in favour of the people. He also announced that all the districts would get Rs. 10 lakh each from Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Sarma asked the DCs to use the amount to meet unforeseen expenditure like helping the flood victims outside the ambit of flood manuals.

Sarma also asked the DCs to ensure that adequate treatment facilities are put in place in the relief camps and doctors should remain present along with paramedics to meet the medical requirement of the flood victims. He also said that no revenue circles in the districts should remain vacant and therefore, asked the Principal Secretary Personnel to place officers in the vacant circles.

With regards to Kaziranga and the brunt it bears because of seasonal flood, Chief Minister asked Deputy Commissioner Golaghat to prepare an exhaustive plan using technical and human intelligence for Kaziranga. He at the same time asked the Superintendents of Police of the districts bordering Kaziranga to maintain a constant vigil during flood to save the astray animals of the park from poaching.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Jogen Mohan, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary to Health Anurag Goyal, Principal Secretary to Revenue Avinash Joshi, CEO ASDMA GD Tripathi and other senior officers of the government were present during the meeting.

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