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Synopsis:

An extreme weather situation starting from 11th June morning created unprecedented rainfall and resultant flood situation landslides in large part of the State. Total seven districts are affected, out of which the Unakoti district was affected the most.

As per latest reports, 19728 families have been affected and 224 relief camps opened by the State Government in seven districts of Unakoti, North Tripura, Dhalai, Khowai, West Tripura, Gomati and South Tripura. Three persons died during the period.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, visited the affected areas and damaged embankments in Kailashahar and undertook an extensive review of the flood relief work being undertaken. Hon'ble Chief Minister assured the citizens in the flood relief camps of all possible help from the Authorities and informed them that the State Government of Tripura firmly stood with them in this hour of need. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb today visited one of the most affected areas in the state, Kailshahar and visited relief camps there. He inspected the relief measures being undertaken and asked the officials not to leave any stone unturned in imparting assistance to the citizens. He also visited Manu river embankment area. After that, Shri Deb visited Kumarghat area and inspected the relief works at various locations and visited various relief camps there.

Details:

Unakoti District: Manu river is flowing above the danger level at 24.26mtr (extreme danger level 24.5mtr and danger level 24.00 mtr) there were breaches on embankment at adjoining to Kailsahar airport, Latiapura, Gobindapur due to which major places have been inundated with areas like Jalai, Chaintail, West Kaulikura, Kailashahar, Indira Colony, Fatikroy, Pecharthal, Kumarghat being severely affected. The District administration mounted 24x7 rescue and evacuation operations and managed to protect lives of affected people. There has been massive mobilization of manpower, boats and other equipments from different sources including the Army, Air force and NDRF for effective rescue & evacuation operations. In addition to the boats available with the District Administration, additional boats were mobilized from other districts (4nos.), NDRF (39nos. motor boats) and BSF (1no. motor boat).

Total thirty-one teams from NDRF have been mobilized for rescue & evacuation operation. In addition to that, TSR, BSF, Assam Rifles and local disaster management teams have been pressed into rescue & evacuation operation. Total 57 boats have been deployed in rescue & evacuation operation (40 motor boats, 4 rubber boats, 4 army bouts and 9 country boats).

In the district, total 90 relief camps have been opened till date and 13609 families have taken shelter. During the period, Hon'ble Chief Minister has made an aerial survey and accessed the flood situation twice. Senior Officers have been deputed to Unakoti to support the disaster situation. A team of Water Resource Department under the leadership of Secretary, PWD visited Kailashahar to take measures to ensure that there is no breach in the embankment and steps are taken for it repair and strengthening.

For augmenting search and rescue operation in Unakoti district, NDRF team (161 persons with 45 boats) has been pressed into service. Two helicopters from Indian Air Force also engaged in air rescue and dropping of food relief in the affected areas. The flights are operating from the base station at Radhanagar, Unakoti. Rescue and relief work is going on in full swing with support from all agencies of State and Centre.

North Tripura District: Both Juri and Kakri rivers are flowing below the danger level at Dharmanagar. All three sub-divisions have been affected. 1584 families have taken shelter in 17 relief camps and district administration is extending due relief.

Dhalai District: Water level of Manu river is flowing at 42.8mtr at Manu (Danger level-44m) and Dhalai river is flowing at 33.15m in rising trend (Danger level 32.5mtr and extreme danger level-33.00mtr). All five sub-divisions have been affected. Longtraivalley sub-division has been affected the most. 10 landslides occurred at several places on National and State Highways and hampered movement of the traffic. District administration mobilized equipments from line departments for clearing the blockade roads. Total 25 relief camps have been opened and 812 families are staying in the camps. Necessary relief and supports are being provided to the affected people.

Khowai district: Khowai river is flowing above danger level at 24.52mtr with rising trend (Danger level-24.5mt). Both the sub-divisions are affected. Landslide taken place in 11 locations between Mungiakami and 45 Miles. Which have since been cleared. So far 2240 families are staying in 52 relief camps and relief is being extended.

West Tripura district: Howrah river is flowing at 9.33mtr (Danger level-10.5mtr). Areas like Rishi Colony, Chandrapur, Srilankabasti, Aralia, Pratapgarh have been affected the most. 12 relief camps were opened and 559 families have taken shelter. Administration has kept close watch on the situation.

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Gomati district: Gomati river district is flowing at 20.30mtr at Udaipur (Danger level-21.50mtr). Two landslides took place in Amarapur sub-division which have been cleared. 10 relief camps opened and 114 families have taken shelter. South Tripura district: Both Muhuri and Feni rivers are flowing below the danger level in decreasing trend. Only Sabroom sub-division affected wherein 2 persons died (one each died in floods and landslides) and 2 persons injured. Landslides also occurred in many places from Manu bazar to Srinagar and Sabroom to Srinagar roads, which have since been cleared. 18 relief camps opened and 810 families have taken shelter in the camps. Necessary relief and assistance are being provided by the administration.

Food department has adequate commodities (rice, wheat and salt) in stock in PDS. To monitor the flood situation, all the Emergency Operation Centres at the State and District levels are functioning round the clock with toll free nos. 1070 and 1077 respectively and information received from people was utilized for deployment of rescue teams.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb is constantly monitoring the situation of flood relief work in the State. He has also directed his colleagues in the Council of Ministers as well as the public representatives in the State (MLAs etc.) to monitor and assist in the flood relief work being undertaken in the State.
