

**PRESS RELEASE**

In connection with continuous rainfall in the State during 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, a flood situation had arisen in various parts of the State, due to which most affected were some parts of the West Tripura, Khowai and Unakoti districts. As per report received from the districts, a total of 7662 families belonging to 608 households from 89 villages were affected during the above flood. Out of 608 affected houses, 60 houses were reported as fully damaged, 234 houses as severely damaged and 314 houses as partly damaged. A total of 64 relief camps were opened and 2946 families took shelters in these relief camps during the flood. The District Administrations undertook necessary rescue operations and evacuation without any loss of time.

As on date, the situation is gradually returning to normal and most of the families have returned to their respective houses from the relief camps where the affected families took shelter during the flood. As on today, only 7 relief camps are functioning and only 55 families remain in these shelters. It is expected by this evening all the sheltered families in the relief camps will return to their houses. As immediate relief, an amount of Rs.19 lakh has been spent out of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Detailed damage assessment is also going on. DMs, SDMs and field level functionaries are on job for damage assessment. Adequate fund has been provided from Revenue Department to all DMs for immediate actions and the State administration was put to maximum alert to respond to the needs of the affected people.

Hon'ble Chief Minister had reviewed the situation and issued appropriate directions to entire State machinery. As per the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the DM & Collectors are monitoring the situation minute to minute basis. Due to this effort most inmates in the relief camps have returned and the State Government is taking utmost effort to bring back the situation to normalcy.

All the rivers are flowing below the danger level now with receding trend. To maintain close public contact, the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC), Agartala as well as the District Emergency Operation Centers (DEOCs) are functioning round the clock and any member of the public can contact on toll free nos. 1070 (SEOC) and 1077 (DEOCs).

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