

## Government of Odisha Office of Special Relief Commissioner

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From

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To

The Chief General Manager, BSNL, Odisha
The Chief Operating Officer (COO), Airtel, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
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Circle Head, Vodafone Mobile Services Ltd, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Preparedness for maintaining mobile service and internet service in the coastal districts in view of forecast of Super Cyclone "AMPHAN"

Sir,

This has reference to the discussions held in the review meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 respectively regarding preparedness for maintaining mobile service and internet service in the coastal districts in view of forecast of Super Cyclone "AMPHAN". As per forecasts of IMD, coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and part of Mayurbhanj district are likely to experience wind speed up to 135 kmph and severely affected whereas other coastal and adjoining districts of the state may be moderately affected.

Keeping in view that uninterrupted mobile and internet services is of great help in management of the disasters, as you are requested to make following arrangements for ensuring uninterrupted functioning of telecom services as decided in the above meetings.

- 1. All the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)/ IPs will ensure appropriate power backup system functional in all Mobile towers and telecom exchanges to provide uninterrupted mobile service during the cyclone event. Availability of diesel with reserve for 24 hours and DG set in running condition may be ensured.
- TSPs will also identify movable mobile telecom towers (Cell on Wheel) and keep these CoWs ready for meeting the contingency of breakdown of towers during a cyclone event to maintain uninterrupted network coverage. The list of such inventory may be intimated to SRC office for information.
- Administration will give necessary support for smooth movement of personnel with vehicle and equipment of TSPs if required in consultation with respective District Collectors. TSPs/IPs may approach office of SRC for such support.
- 4. TSPs will share vulnerable OFC routes in 4 Districts i.e. Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Bhadrak and Balasore to share the same with Response Forces and District

Administration to see that minimum OFC are damaged during clearance of road/debris.

- TSPs will take steps to disseminate Alert/ warning/ advisory messages through SMS in case important messages are to be sent to specific location either in blasting mode/ LBAS whenever necessary.
- 6. All TSPs will share the preparedness/ management plan with office of Special Relief Commissioner (SRC).

Please send a report of compliance for information of the Government.

Yours faithfully,

Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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Copy forwarded to the ACS & MD, OSDMA/ Sr. DDG, LSA-Odisha, Dept. of Telecommunication, Secretary, E&IT Department/ All Collectors for information and necessary action.

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