

State of Odisha

Brief note on preparedness for ensuing cyclonic circulation over Bay of Bengal

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Keeping in view of ensuing cyclonic circulation over Bay of Bengal, following preparedness measures have been taken well in advance to reduce the impacts of the cyclone.

1. As per the warning information of IMD, the concerned districts have been instructed to closely monitor the situation.
2. Ensuring the Control Rooms of all the offices dealing with disaster management must operate round the clock with adequate manpower. It must be under charge of a responsible officer on 24x7 basis.
3. The field level functionaries are directed to be in readiness to meet any eventuality including possibility of landslides in hilly areas. District administrations of land slide prone districts are to take special precautionary measures to prevent damage and to make arrangement for evacuating people from those areas, if required.
4. Identifying all vulnerable people and shifting them to safe shelters is the 1st priority. For that purpose, all people living in kutcha houses/hut or in low lying areas may be identified and if required be evacuated and placed in multipurpose cyclone/ flood shelters and other safe shelters. Also make necessary arrangement for alternate power and water supply arrangement in these shelters.
5. Evacuation arrangements may please be planned and if required effected at appropriate time. Special care must be taken to shift the old, physically challenged, women and children to shelters much before the cyclone approaches.
6. Cooked food through free kitchen, safe drinking water, lighting, health & sanitation facilities must be arranged for evacuated people housed in shelters.
7. Pregnant women having their EDD in next 15 days may be shifted to the nearest Govt. hospital having proper facilities for child birth.
8. The livestock and domestic animals in vulnerable areas should also be evacuated to safer places. No cattle should be left tied in kutcha house.
9. The households, whose houses are damaged in the cyclone/ heavy rain, need to be provided with temporary shelter materials (polythene sheet) without delay. Please check the stock in advance and make necessary arrangements for the same.
10. As the power supply is likely to be cut off during cyclone/ flood period, all offices should make their back-up power arrangement for that period. Generators available in the different offices including health institutions should be immediately checked and store adequate fuel.
11. Immediate restoration of road communication for movement of relief materials to the affected areas is very important. Necessary advance arrangements may be made through the concerned departments for restoration of the damaged roads immediately after the cyclone subsides.

12. Mobile health and veterinary teams may be organised in advance and kept in readiness for deployment in the affected areas. Feed & fodder should be arranged for the animal population.
13. The engineers in charge may keep close watch over the embankments especially weak/ vulnerable points in rivers/ canals.
14. Flood fighting materials may be kept ready at strategic places and immediate action may be taken to prevent any breach or to close the breach, damage of roads, if any.
15. Urban Local Bodies are instructed to make advance arrangements for dewatering from the areas likely to face water logging.
16. Necessary traffic movement may be restricted in vulnerable points like breach areas. Local Police may be instructed to take steps to restrict the movement of people in flood risk roads/ areas.
17. Necessary arrangement may be made to stock adequate food stuff like rice, chuda, gud, etc. for the people affected due to possible flood.
18. Fishermen may be advised not to venture into deep sea till the cyclone subsides.
19. Arrangements may be made for immediate restoration of essential services like power, telecommunication, roads, etc.
20. Tentative deployment of Search and Rescue (SAR) teams are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the district	NDRF	ODRAF	Fire Service	Total
1	Ganjam	6	15	28	49
2	Gajapati	4	6	8	18
3	Rayagada	4	6	10	20
4	Kandhamal		3	12	15
5	Koraput	4	3	18	25
6	Malkanagiri	2	6	7	15
7	Nabarangpur		3	10	13
8	Nayagarh	4	0	10	14
9	Reserve	8	6	23	37
Total		32	48	126	206
