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From

Sri D.K. Singh, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Collectors of Puri/Khordha/Cuttack/Jagatsinghpur/Kendrapara.

Sub: Functioning of Block offices.

Sir,

I am to say that the extremely severe cyclonic storm “FANI”, which hit Odisha Coast at Puri on 03.05.2019, has caused widespread and extensive damage and destruction to the public utilities and properties in the districts of Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara throwing the lives of general public out of gear. The State administration is committed for early restoration/revival of normalcy in the affected districts within minimum period of time. Repair, restoration and rehabilitation work, already started on war-footing basis in the affected areas, need to be spearheaded/expedited with close monitoring, supervision and proper coordination with all line Departments.

As you know, the Block is the basic delivery point of administration in carrying out all developmental works in the rural areas. But it has come to the notice of the Government that some of the Block offices, at this critical juncture, are not functioning efficiently in a mission mode by mobilizing their resources resulting in slow and poor progress in relief, restoration and rehabilitation work and thereby impacting on the day-to-day lives of the people.

In the above situation, it is essential to take the following measures for efficient functioning of the Block offices which have been affected by the cyclone.
1. The Block offices should function from 8 AM to 8 PM everyday including holiday till normalcy is restored.
2. A dedicated control room should function round the clock.
3. The Block offices which are disconnected with electricity should be well equipped with generator set.
4. Presence of Tahsildars, BDOs and their staff at headquarters must be ensured.
5. Other basic amenities should be provided to the Block staff for proper functioning of Block offices especially during emergency situation like this.
6. Steps should be taken to restore broadband system so as to maintain and secure the data base.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Govt.

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Under Secretary to Government

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