

Press Release

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Flood Preparedness for flood situation

Due to heavy rainfall in the upper catchment of river Baitarani, the water level has crossed the Danger Level at Akhuapada on 24.07.2017 at 6.00P.M. .At 6.00 P.M the river is flowing at 37.60 meter against danger level of 38.36 meter at Anandpur with a falling trend. Similarly, the river is flowing at 18.10 meter against danger level of 17.83 meter at Akhuapada with a rising trend.

Keeping flood like situation in river Baitarani in view, Hon'ble Chief Minister took a preparatory meeting today (24.07.2017 at 5.30 PM) with Secretaries of various departments to take the stock of the situation. Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management, Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner were present in the meeting.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed to ensure the following points.

- The administration must be in full preparedness to effectively deal with the situation.
- Mobile patrolling teams may be deployed to watch the weak and vulnerable embankments and protect them.
- People in low lying areas likely to be inundated must be evacuated to safer places well in advance and provision of free kitchen may be started immediately for them.
- Required number of Disaster Response Forces of ODRAF, NDRF and Fire Services may be deployed with boats and other equipment in the areas likely to be affected to carry out rescue and assist in relief measures.
- The officers of the Departments of Health and Family Welfare, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Housing & Urban Development must ensure supply of safe drinking water and health and hygiene to prevent outbreak of any water-borne disease.

Already ODRAF team with their boats and equipment have been deployed in Bhadrak, Jajpur and Keonjhar .One team of ODRAF Unit from Cuttack to Jajpur district, two teams from Cuttack and Rourkela to Keonjhar and one team from Balasore to Bhadrak district have been deployed to assist district administration for rescue and relief operation.

59 Cyclone & flood shelters are in readiness for the persons to be evacuated, if needed. 73 Power Boats of Special Relief Organisation are in readiness for relief and rescue operation.

Further, Collector, Balasore and Mayurbhanj have been kept in alert due to rise in water level in river Subarnarekha at Jamsolaghat and Rajghat.

The administration is in full preparedness to meet any eventuality to face the flood situation.