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## **Press release**

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## **Update on Flood Situation in Odisha**

The flood situation in Jajpur and Bhadrak districts has improved as River Baitarani has receded. All the people evacuated in these two districts have since returned to their homes. The assessment of damage to private and public properties due to floods will be taken up soon.

Out of two persons of Bhadrak district missing due to flood, the body of Smt. Amita Nayak, village-Uasahi, GP-Kasimpur, Block-Dhamnagar has since been recovered.

Flood water in River Subarnarekha is falling since 12 Noon today. So, it is expected that the same at Rajghat at lower stream which is still in rising trend will soon start receding. About 25,000 people in 29 villages under 7 GPs of Baliapal Block and 63 villages under 19 GPs of Bhogarai Block in Balasore district have been affected by this flood. The District Administration is closely monitoring the situation.

Due to heavy rainfall in the catchments, flood situation has arisen in River Brahmani including its tributaries and distributaries. Flood situation has arisen in River IB. two blocks such as Kuanrmunda and Subdega and two ULBs (Sundargarh Municiplity and Rourkela Municipal Corporation) of Sundargarh districts have been affected by this flood. As many as 1600 people have been evacuated and placed in safe shelters. Required dry food has been provided to the said people and free kitchens have been opened for them. One ODRAF team and the local fire service teams have been deployed and the District Administration of Sundargarh is closely monitoring the situation.

Due to heavy inflow to Rengali reservoir, 10 gates of Rengali dam has been opened which is likely to cause low to medium flood in the downstream affecting the districts of Dhenkanal, Jajpur and Kendrapada. Keeping that in view, the concerned Collectors have been alerted to remain in full preparedness to face any eventuality. Flow in Birupa River has been reduced to minimize its contribution to Brahmani.

Sri R Balakishnan, Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Sri Asit Kumat Tripathy, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department and Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department visited the flood affected districts of Jajpur, Rayagada and Bhadrak respectively and reviewed the situation as well as relief & restoration initiatives.