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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER:::CACHAR:::SILCHAR
(DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY)

DDMA.011 (CB)/CHR/2023-24/ 80

Dated: 14-05-2024

Minutes of the meeting on Risk Communication
13th May 2024, DC Conference Hall, Cachar, Silchar

List of the members present in the meeting is placed at 'Annexure-A'.
The meeting was chaired by the Addl. District Commissioner & Chief Executive Officer, DDMA Cachar. He welcomed all the members in the meeting. The following issues were discussed in the meeting and after threadbare discussion decisions were taken for prompt and proactive action from the concerned stakeholders:

Telecommunication: Representative from BSNL & all Private Telecom Operators representative of the Cachar District informed CEO, DDMA, Cachar regarding the readiness of the Telecom Service Providers in the District in terms of Contingency plan for immediate restoration of telecom infrastructure and discussed regarding feasibility of the sharing of specialized resources including manpower among TSPs in locations with limited cellular coverage. Besides, DDMA, Cachar has requested all TSP's of the District regarding Priority Call Routing for all key officials of the District and willing to share the list of contact details of important officials with all TSP's to be included under Priority Call Routing (PCR) facility for disaster situations.

Further, CEO, DDMA, Cachar has requested all the representative of the TSP's to take above matter with their higher officials for necessary action considering the feasibility of the District. The objective of the above matter is to create better co-ordination between the District Administration and all the Telecom Service Providers of the District and for smooth & failsafe communication in the Cachar District.

APRO, Cachar: As per information cited by the representative of APRO, Silchar Unit necessary directions has been issued to each units within the District for readiness of manpower along with equipment in the PS & other deployed units for facilitating fail safe communication during upcoming monsoon season in Cachar District. APRO Unit is functional in the DEOC (District Control Room), DDMA, Cachar and accordingly CEO, DDMA has requested to the APRO Silchar Officials to augment the existing manpower during the flood season and if possible round the clock.

Central Water Commission: Representative from CWC appraised the house on the existing network of flood forecasting stations within Cachar District. As per enquiry of the CEO, DDMA, Cachar regarding trans-boundary data sharing and accordingly SE, CWC, Silchar informed regarding the present arrangement of trans-boundary data sharing related hydro meteorological stations particularly for Dima-Hasao District & Manipur.

CEO, DDMA noted that the need for revision of existing water level benchmarks in the District and proposal have been received from CWC against the flood forecasting station of Cachar District almost 3-4 months prior and EE, WRD Silchar & C.I Divisions have been directed to coordinate with SE, CWC for further action but matter is still pending and representative from WRD, Cachar opined in the meeting that no further requirement of

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revision for the flood forecasting stations is required in the District at present and detail study is required for the same.

Accordingly, CEO, DDMA, Cachar has directed the E.E. WRD Silchar Division and E.E WRD Cachar Investigation Division to co-ordinate with S.E. CWC, Silchar, Cachar and take pro-active action for revision of the existing water level benchmarks within the Cachar District and complete the process within the end of December 2024.

India Meteorological Deptt. (Silchar Local Office): RMC, IMD Silchar local Office representative was absent in the meeting and no discussion was taken for issue of alert and other collaborative efforts etc. in respect of Cachar District and as per direction of the Chair the matter will be communicated to IMD, RMC, Guwahati Office.

NEEPCO (THEP): Representative of THEP-NEEPCO informed on its readiness for the upcoming flood season while mentioning the availability of various alerting mechanism including Siren Systems, Water level recorders etc. WhatsApp groups formed with CWC, DDMA, Cachar for sharing of reservoir levels and excess release of water on real time basis.

THEP-NEEPCO also informed on the functional status of draft EAP (Emergency Action Plan) prepared by the Department in consultation with concerned District Administrations & IIT, Roorkee which will be executed as per SOP by the Department. Representative of THEP has also informed the house that, as final EAP is in the final stage of preparation and the same will be shared with DDMA, Cachar shortly for review and will be implemented as per SOP immediately. Further, THEP-NEEPCO to share contact details of nodal officers with DDMA immediately.

Water Resource Department: Executive Engineers of WRD Silchar & Cachar Investigation Divisions have been directed to take following action on urgent basis and report compliance:

- a. Functional status of Gauge Station wise control room and make it round the clock from 1st May to 31st October 2024.
- b. Sharing of Water level of River Barak and its Tributaries with DEOC, DDMA, Cachar.
- c. Prepare plan of action/strategy for dissemination of water level to the vulnerable communities.
- d. Identification of vulnerable dykes and creates awareness among the local communities regarding the expected threat etc.
- e. Sharing of rainfall data with DEOC, DDMA on daily basis.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.



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1. The CEO, ASDMA, Govt. of Assam, Ancillary Block, Dispur, Janata Bhawan, Guwahti-6 for kind information.
2. All Members present for information and immediate necessary action.
3. All HoD's of State Govt. Departments, Cachar District for necessary action.
4. PA/CA to the District Commissioner, Cachar.


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