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To All Secretaries to the Ministries
Heads of Departments
All District Secretaries / Government Agents
All Divisional Secretaries

Guidelines to Provide of Relief to the Disaster Victims in a Disaster Emergency situation and to the People Evacuated from the Residencies due to Disaster Risk; and Restoration of Damaged Areas.

The Circular, issued with the instructions to provide relief to the People who are affected by a Disaster Emergency Situation and Restoration of Damaged Areas, will be effective from 01.01.2017. The National Budget Circulars No. 152 (I), 152 (II) and 152 (III), issued for the same purpose by the Ministry of Finance are hereby repealed.

02. The government has taken actions to provide an insurance, covering all the Public in order to mitigate disaster risk in a disaster emergency situation. Accordingly, National Insurance Trust Fund will provide relief to persons who are displaced, lost their houses and lives due to disaster situation as stipulated in paragraph 03 of this circular. Since this insurance coverage has already been implemented, Divisional Secretaries and District Secretaries should take necessary actions to provide relief in a disaster emergency situation in co – ordination with the Ministry of Disaster Management, and the Disaster Relief Centre and District Disaster Management Units functioning under the said Ministry, covering areas belonging to District Secretariats or Divisional Secretariats.

03. Damages covered by the National Natural Disaster Insurance Scheme:

All the Damages caused lives and properties due to Cyclone, Storm, Tempest, Flood, Landslide, Hurricane, Earthquake, Tsunami or victims of Lightning, Falling Object, Falling of trees by heavy wind, collapse of retaining wall induced by rain, or any other Natural Perils.

03.1 Relief and benefits provided by the Insurance Coverage:

(i) Loss of Life:

A maximum compensation of Rs.100,000 will be paid for a person who died due to a natural disaster.

(ii) Fully handicapped situation:

A maximum compensation of Rs.100,000 will be paid for persons who have become totally inactive and disabled lifelong due to natural Disasters, under this insurance coverage.

(iii) Damages to property and houses:

A compensation, subjected to a maximum amount of rupees 2.5 million will be paid for a family, whose property and houses were damaged due to natural disasters. Businesses with annual turnover is less than rupees 10 million are also eligible for this compensation.

Property damages should be calculated separately and payments should be made within the limits of benefits.

(iv) Instant disaster relief/ cooked meals:

All the Government Agents / District Secretaries and Divisional Secretaries should take actions to provide relief to public evacuated from their residences due to disaster emergency situation and to restore damaged areas and normal life.

In case of a disaster situation, cooked meals should be provided to all who stay in temporary welfare centers away from their residences irrespective of their income level. Accordingly, expenditure may be incurred subject to the limit of Rs.225/- per person per day.

As per his / her discretion Divisional Secretary can provide cooked meals for maximum of 03 days. On the approval of the Government Agent / District Secretary, cooked meals can be provided for another 4 days from that date. If it is required to extend such period beyond 7 days. The approval should be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management.

(v) Provision of Dry Rations

When the need arises, dry rations should be supplied immediately as per the requirement. Dry ration should be provided for an equal period of time provide cooked meals in respect of families staying at their homes or house of their relatives without coming to welfare centers and families staying in temporary welfare centers due to disaster situation.

Maximum amount payable for dry rations per week

	Rupees
For a Single Person	700
A Family with 02 Members	900
A Family with 03 Members	1,100
A Family with 04 Members	1,300
A Family with 05 Members or more	1,500

Dry rations may be purchased directly from multipurpose co – operative shops, and / or sathosa outlets and / or in addition, through external suppliers calling quotations as per procurement guidelines.

03.2 Procedure to be followed to provide facilities under this insurance coverage:

(i) Required actions should be taken by Divisional Secretaries / District Secretaries coordinating with the Ministry of Disaster management and Institutions under the purview of said Ministry to provide immediate relief for disaster victims and persons displaced due to disaster risk situation.

(ii) With the emergence of disaster situation, all Divisional Secretaries should inform the details of disaster situation and required amount of advance money to the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management through the District Secretary/ Government Agent. Further District Secretaries should take actions to manage the disaster situation coordinating with District Disaster Management Units.

(iii) Having managed the disaster situation, relevant Divisional Secretaries should take actions to send all the relevant details (assessment reports and other details) to the Ministry of Disaster Management through his District Secretary within 02 months from the disaster to reimburse. The Ministry of Disaster Management should forward the said details to the National Insurance Trust Fund to reimburse the same.

04. Provision of necessary relief for the following disaster situation which is not covered by the insurance scheme:

Details of drought, which is not covered by this insurance should be referred to the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management by relevant Divisional Secretary through his / her District Secretary for the provision of required relief. Having referred the said request to the General Treasury along with recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management, necessary provisions will be allocated by General Treasury. In an emergency drought situation General Treasury will take actions to provide required amount of funds to the Ministry of Disaster management for the supply of drinking water. Accordingly, District Secretaries should contact the Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and coordinate required actions.

05. Reconstruction Activities:

05.1 Small Scale Reconstruction Activities:

Relevant District Secretaries should take actions to reconstruct rural infrastructure facilities such as small scale rural roads, small tanks, anicuts, bridges damaged due to disaster situation.

An estimation of damage caused by the disaster and after receiving required additional provisions from the General Treasury, District Secretaries should take actions to complete such work immediately.

05.2 Large Scale Reconstruction Activities:

The responsibility of reconstruction of large scale infrastructure facilities damaged in different districts of the country in an emergency situation shall be with the relevant line Ministries. After estimation of the cost for the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure facilities in each district, the relevant line Ministry should use the existing provisions or additional provisions obtained from the General Treasury if necessary.

06. If any clarification on this circular is required, the Director General, Department of National Budget should be contacted (Telephone – 011- 2484665).

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Secretary to the Treasury

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