

**Press Release:**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Flood Situation in the State.**

As on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 , approximately 42,658 persons in 4 districts of Assam i.e. Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Sivasagar and Charaideo are affected by flood. More than 1018 Hect. crop area has been inundated by flood water. As per CWC, river Burhidihing in Khowang and river Desang Naglamuraga (Sivasagar) were flowing above the Danger level.

Army, NDRF and SDRF teams have been pressed into service in the flood affected areas of Charaideo district for search and rescue operation. Chief Secretary, Assam directed the deputy commissioners to keep close watch of the flood situation. He also directed DC, Sivasagar to extend all possible support to the district administration, Charideo to handle the situation. Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority is also directed for keeping close contact with the district administrations of the flood affected districts to extend any support, if required to respond to the prevailing flood situation.

Chief Secretary also reviewed the situation arises out the incident of train derailment near the border of Dima Hasao & Cachar district. Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA informed that as reported by the Indian Railway no casualties occurred in the incident.

RMC, Borjhar informed that situation is likely to improve after 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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**Flood Review meeting of the Chief Secretary, Assam.**

Chief Secretary Assam took an emergency flood review meeting with the heads of the line departments today at 11 AM in his conference hall. Deputy Commissioners of the flood affected districts also joined the meeting through video conference and apprised Chief Secretary, Assam on the prevailing flood situation in their district. Chief Secretary reviewed the state of preparedness of various departments and availability of medicines and essential drugs of the Health & Family Welfare department to respond to the situation. Chief Secretary, Assam directed the Deputy Commissioners to keep close watch on the flood situation in their district and contact Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority in case any assistance is required from the State Headquarters.

He directed WR department, PWD (NH) and National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to send their officers for joint inspection of the damage portion of the NH53 at Panchgarm, Hailakandi tomorrow. Further, he also requested Ministry of Road Transport and Highway to direct their regional officer to keep in touch with the Deputy Commissioner, Hailakandi.

All senior government officers of the Government of Assam and representatives of Army, NDRF 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, Central Water Commission (CWC) and Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) attended the meeting.

RMC, Borjhar informed that situation is likely to improve after 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Director General, IMD, RMC Borjhar has made a presentation on the probable weather for cast for next 5 days. Commandar, 107 Mountain Division, Indian Army also made a presentation in the meeting.

Water Resources department informed that a joint inspection team is already in Majuli to assess the flood protection measures.