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Subject: South West monsoon 2004- Situation report on Floods

ASSAM

The flood situation in Assam has improved considerably. The river Brahmaputra is flowing 84 cms above danger level at Dibrugarh with a steady trend. At other points Brahmaputra is flowing below danger level. All other rivers and their tributaries in Assam are flowing below danger level.

National Highways: All the National Highways in Assam are now through for traffic except NH-154 at one point south of Silchar.

Rail links: The Guwahati Lumding Broad Gauge section has been restored. The Rangiya-Murkongselek section is operational upto Lakhimpur. The Lumding Badarpur Section on Metre Gauge continues to be disrupted and restoration is likely to be restored by 20.8.04.

Damage assessment: The damage reported is as follows: - (as on 05.08.2004)

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| Number of villages affected | 10,560 |
| Total population affected | 122.98 lakh |
| Human lives lost | 248 |
| Total area affected | 28.51 lakh hectares |
| Cropped area affected | 12.58 lakh hectares |
| Houses damaged | 5.89 lakh |
| Number of cattle/livestock lost | Under assessment |

Relief: . The details of rescue and relief operations are as follows:

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| Rice distributed | 3.76 lakh quintals |
| Dal distributed | 33,539 quintals |
| Chira distributed | 1,401 quintals |
| Salt distributed | 12,322 quintals |
| Gur distributed | 483 quintals |
| Number of polythene sheets distributed | 2,000 |
| Number of Relief camps | 790 |
| Number of inmates in Relief camps | 6.06 lakh |

Army Columns: 18 Army columns are still deployed to carry out medical relief.

Satellite phones: Ten sets of Satellite phones are still in use.

Rail movement: There is no shortage of essential commodities in the State. A total of 128 rakes of essential commodities were moved to Assam since 9th July, 04.

Medicines: 50 lakh halogen tablets , 10 lakh ORS packets, 100 MT of bleaching powder and 2000 vials of anti-snake venom have already been made available. Ministry of Health is taking action to send an additional 50 lakh halogen tablets and 100 MT of bleaching powder. Additional 10,000 ORS packets have been delivered.

Epidemic surveillance: There are no reports of outbreak of any epidemic.

BIHAR

The flood situation in Bihar has improved considerably. The river Kosi at Khagaria/Choutham is flowing 1.00 metre above danger level with a falling trend. All other rivers are flowing below danger/warning level .

Road Communication: Road communications are slowly improving. The position regarding likely restoration of some of the important stretches is as under: -

NH-57 – Jhanharpur-Phulparas section is likely to be restored by 15.8.04
 NH-77- Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi–Sonebarsa section: Traffic restored upto km.29. Runi-Sitamarhi section is likely to be restored by 15.8.04
 NH-104– Chakia-Madhuban-Sheohar section: Traffic restored up to km.45.The remaining section is likely to be restored by 12.8.04
 NH-106- Madhepura-Bihpur section is likely to be restored by 10.8.04
 NH-107- Maheshkunt-Sonebarsaraj, Sonebarsaraj-Simri and Bakhtiyarpur-Bariyarpur-Saharsa sections which are disrupted are likely to be restored by 20.8.04

Rail Links:. Train services remained suspended on a number of routes. The restoration dates of the sections closed are as under: -

Raxaul-Sitamarhi: likely to be restored by 10.8.04
 Sitamarhi-Darbhanga: likely to be restored by 15.8.04
 Jhanjharpur- Laukaha Bazar: likely to be restored by 20.8.04
 Jhanjharpur-Nirmali: likely to be restored by 30.8.04
 Mansi-Saharsa: likely to be restored by 30.8.04
 Samastipur-Darbhanga: likely to be restored by 30.8.04.
 Samastipur-Mansi: likely to be restored 8.8.04

Damage : The damage reported is as follows: -

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| Number of Districts affected | 20 |
| Number of Blocks affected | 203 |
| Number of Villages affected | 9333 |
| Population affected | 211.76 lakh |
| Area affected | 49.86 lakh hectares |
| Crop area affected | 13.42 lakh hectares |
| Number of houses damaged | 7.17 lakh |
| Human lives lost | 636 |
| Number of livestock lost | 2354 |

Relief: The State Government is carrying out relief operations. The details are as follows: -

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| Boats deployed | 7660 |
| Readymade food distributed | 27,925 quintals |
| Number of polythene sheets distributed | 4.68 lakhs |
| Food packets air-dropped | 816 MT |
| No. of Candles distributed | 4.83 lakhs |
| No. of Match boxes | 4.54 lakhs |
| GR distributed | 1.34 lakh quintals |
| Cash doles distributed | Rs 625 lakh |

Army Assistance : One MI-17 helicopter continue to be retained by the State Government

Satellite Phones: 5 satellite phones and other communication equipment sent to the State are still deployed.

Medicines: 50 lakh halogen tablets, 2000 vials of anti snake venom, post flood health care drugs and 5 lakh packets of ORS and post health care medicines have been sent to the State Government. Supply of 100 MT bleaching powder and additional 50 lakh halogen tablets and remaining essential drugs is being tied up. There are no reports of outbreak of any epidemic.

GUJARAT

Due to unprecedented rainfall, the five districts in Gujarat were affected floods. These are Surat, Navsari, Valsad, Dangs and Bharuch. The State Government deployed rescue teams, private boats and voluntary steamers for rescue operations. Preventive measures to check spread of any epidemics have been taken. The traffic on National Highway from Valsad to Mumbai have resumed. Power supply to 200 villages have been disrupted. On the request of State Government one helicopter was made available. This is now on standby. Four Army columns were deployed in Surat and Navsari for rescue and relief. These columns continue to be available with the State Government. The total death toll from the 11th of June onwards is 171. The State Government has requested the Ministry of Health for medicines for post floods health care. The supply arrangements are being worked out. The water level has reduced considerably and situation is under control.

HARYANA AND PUNJAB

Haryana and Punjab received heavy rainfall resulting in breaches protection bunds and in canal systems. A total of 23 Army columns are carrying out flood relief operations in the districts of Ambala and Patiala. 1170 persons were rescued to safer places by Army and medical aid was also provided.

Rail link have been disrupted. The Ambala –Kalka section will be restored by 7.8.2004 and Ambala-Ludhiana by 14.08.04.

Other States/UTs

During the current South-west monsoon period, parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and UTs of Daman and Lakshadweep experienced floods, cyclonic storms and landslides of varying magnitude. The State Governments took appropriate measures for providing relief to the affected persons. In case of Arunachal Pradesh a Central Team has also been constituted, which is likely to visit the State after 15th August,2004. Road communication in Arunachal Pradesh continued to be disrupted as a number of bridges have been damaged or washed away. Army is providing 8 bailey bridges to be installed by the Border Road Organisation on major Highways/roads.