

## **IMPORTANT PARA IN ORISSA RELIEF CODE**

### **Functioning of Control Room (Para 10 & 47 of ORC)**

Control Room is functioning in District Office with telephone No. 06755-220002 /1077 round the clock with the effect from 1.5.2007 and the same will continue till 30.11.2007. Control Rooms are also functioning in the Offices of the Sub-Collectors/Tahasildars/Block Development Officers and in other District Level Officers. The case of any natural calamities viz – flood or cyclone etc immediately after the occurrence it will be the responsibility of village level workers to inform the facts to the nearest RI who will pass on the information to the nearest Police Station for transmission of the message to the Sub-Collector and Collector's Control Room also keep the concerned zone officer and Tahasildars informed. Revenue Inspector's are trained at Tahasils level for the purpose.

### **Wireless Station (Para 55 of O.R.C)**

All the Police Station and Out-posts in the Dist are equipped with VHF/HF for transmission of the flood /cyclone messages. Special Relief Commissioner has been moved for installation of temporary V.H.F. Centers at the following places to facilitate transmission of flood/cyclone messages.

### **Rain Recording and Submission of Rainfall Reports(Para 49 of O.R.C.)**

Rain recording stations are available in all the blocks of this district. The Head Clerks of the Blocks are acting as Rain Recording Officers under the supervision of the respective Block Development Officers. The rainfall reports from each rain recording station shall be transmitted to the District Control Room daily through V.H.F./ Telephone/ Messenger.

### **Gauge Reading (Para 50 of O.R.C.)**

The gauge reading stations of different rivers are available at different places in the district as shown. The gauge readings will be transmitted by the flood control cell to the District Control Room every hour when the gauge reading is near or above danger level. When the gauge reading is fairly below the danger level, the same will be transmitted once a day by 5 P.M., Gauge readings at the above Gauge stations shall be communicated to the Revenue Control Room through phone/Fax from the District Control Room.

### **Dissemination of Weather Reports , Flood Bulletin etc. (Para 52 of O.R.C.)**

Immediately on receipt of weather warnings and bulletin above high flood from the Metrological Center of the Government of India at Bhubaneswar or from the Revenue Department/ Special Relief Commissioner, the same shall be communicated to the superintendent of Police. Executive Engineers of the Water Resources Department, the Sub-Collectors, Executive Officers of U.L.Bs., Tahasildars and Block Development Officer who shall without loss of time disseminate the messages among the people through their respective agencies and caution them so that they will be in readiness to shift to flood shelters or other safer places in the event of high floods. The people, will also be asked to refer to the special weather/flood bulletin of T.V./Radio during such periods.

### **Storage of Foodstuff in Interior Areas (Para 57 of O.R.C.)**

To ensure that food grains/food-stuff are available in the interior areas which are likely to become inaccessible during flood, Civil Supplies Officer, Khordha, has been reported to store adequate amount of rice and also to keep stock of Kerosene. Other dry foods like chuda, mudhi, guda, bread and other necessities like candle, match box etc, will be arranged immediately for distribution among the marooned people in the event of high flood.

### **Selection of Flood Shelters (Para 60 of O.R.C.)**

In the flood prone areas, buildings belonging to Government, educational institutions etc, have been selected for providing immediate shelter to the people on evacuation from the flood affected areas. In case of necessity temporary flood shelters shall also be constructed with bamboos, Tarpaulin etc. School cum Cyclone Shelters are already constructed and handed over to the concerned school authorities by the Govt. and other executing agencies. These can also be used as Shelter places.

### **Organisation of Relief Parties for Rescue and Relief Operation (Para 60 of O.R.C.)**

In the event of high flood it will be necessary to rescue the marooned people and to distribute emergent relief to the people affected by the calamity. For smooth management of rescue and relief operation, the Sub-Collector have been instructed to constitute Relief Parties in advance indicating their area of jurisdiction. The employees of the local Government offices shall be included in such relief parties. NGOs will also be involved in the programmed.

### **Arrangements for Army Assistance (Para 61 & 69 of O.R.C.)**

In case of severe and wide spread calamity, the assistance of army personnel may be sought for relief and rescue operation. In such contingency, necessary arrangements shall be made to requisition the army to assist the civil authorities through Special Relief Commissioner / Government following the procedure laid down under paragraph 61 and 69 of the Orissa Relief Code

### **Daily Reporting of Flood Situation (Para 71 Of O.R.C)**

As per para 71 of Orissa Relief Code instructions have been separately issued for submission of daily situation report by the Block Development Officer /Tahasildars in the prescribed format through wireless message from the date of occurrence of the flood till after 3 days of the abatement of flood. The required flood information will be collected by the V.L.Ws and Extension Officers who will furnish the same to the Block Office by 2 P.M. everyday. Besides, other line department officers will also pass on the information relating to their department officers who will also pass on the information relating to their department to the respective Block Development Officers. The Block Development Officers will compile and transmit the information as per the format of the daily situation report through the nearest police wireless by 3 P.M. to District Control Room.

### **Transport :**

In the event of any Natural Calamity, vehicles may be required for sending the relief parties and relief materials including foodstuff to the affected areas. The Regional Transport Officer will make requisition and provide such vehicles with the help of his enforcement staff as per the requirement.

### **Disposal of Dead Bodies (Para 73 Of ORC)**

The dead bodies of human beings, if any, found in the flood-affected areas in case of high flood, shall ordinarily be made over to their relatives and friends, if available, for cremation or burial. When there are no claimants for dead bodies, those shall be cremated/buried at the Govt. cost i.e. Health Department. Chief District Medical Officer, Khordha will issue necessary instructions to their officer and staff in the field in this regard. Similarly, carcasses of cattle and other animals shall be buried by the Animal Resources Development Department. Chief District Veterinary Officer will issue necessary instruction in this regard.

### **Assessment of Damage (Para 74 to 77 of O.R.C)**

Damages caused by the Natural Calamity to the private and public properties and loss of life are assessed by the Revenue Agency. The Tahasildars are to collect such information with the help of his staff through the local enquiry. The Block Development Officers and the Extension Officers in this work if necessary will assist them and officers may be specially deputed by the Collector to assist the Tahasildars in this work where there is large-scale damage. This report of damages would be submitted without delay. The other departments will similarly assess their losses and submit reports within the stipulated time.

### **Restoration of Communication and Power Supply(Para 86 of ORC)**

In case of high flood, the communication and power supply to the affected areas are usually cut off. The respective departments will take immediate steps for restoration of the communication as well as power supply after abatement of flood.

### **Law and Order**

In case of occurrence of any Natural Calamity, there is change of law and order problems. Transportation and distribution of relief materials may require police protection. The Superintendent of Police will issue necessary instruction to all Inspector officer/officer officers in the District in the direction of maintenance of law and order in such eventuality and to render necessary assistance to the District/Sub-Divisional authorities for smooth management of relief and rescue operation.

## ORISSA RELIEF CODE: REVISED NORMS

The state of Orissa is prone to one or other to be of natural calamity every year. All such calamities bring large-scale devastation and make the life miserable for the vulnerable population. The extent of damage is so much that it becomes impossible on the part of vulnerable family or the community to recover. Governmental intervention and assistance is essential to help the populace to overcome the post disaster situation.

The Orissa Relief Code provides a set of rules and guidelines to ensure quick response from Government in providing assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to the affected persons. Of late, the guidelines have been amended to coop up with the changed situation. Brief highlights of the norms are as follows.

### 1. Natural Calamities notified by Government of India for assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)

- Flood, Cyclone, Earthquake, Drought, Fire & Hailstorm.
- Recently added – Tsunami, Landslide, Avalanches, Cloud Burst & Pest Attack.

### 2. Food Assistance

Types of Assistance:

- (a) Emergent assistance
- (b) Ad hoc food assistance, or
- (c) Food assistance on card

(a) **Emergent assistance:** - for people marooned during a disaster.

Distribution of Chuda, Muddhi, Gur, Salt, Kerosene, Matchboxes including cooked food and clothing.

Collector	Up to 3 days
RDC	Up to 7 days including 3 days sanctioned by Collector
SRC	Up to 15 days including 7 days above
Government	Beyond 15 days.

(b) **Ad hoc Food Assistance** : - when post distress conditions persist, for

- Person attending the sick or infant children who cannot go out and earn their livelihood.
- Able-bodied persons but temporarily rendered weak due to want of food, malnutrition or as a result of illness.
- People deprived of cooking their food due to inundation.
- To be sanctioned by Collector for specific households.

- (c) Food Assistance on card: - can be sanctioned to prevent starvation any time.

**Eligibility :**

- (i) Mentally challenged person
- (ii) Crippled or invalid persons
- (iii) Blind persons
- (iv) Advance age or physical infirmity
- (v) Helpless windows
- (vi) Persons attending sick or infant children
- (vii) Able-bodied persons weak due to want of food, malnutrition or illness.

Sarapanch	Up to 10 days
BDO	Up to 30 days
Sub-Collector	Up to 45 days
Collector	Up to 120 days.

**3. Ex-gratia Assistance in the event of death due to disasters notified by GoI**

- Inform within 24 hours with details initiate case record for sanction of ex-gratia in favour of bereaved family members.
- Ex-gratia to be sanctioned by Collector.
- Disbursement within 7 days from available cash.
- Maintain a register showing details.
- Rs.50,000/- per person.
- No age and income bar
- Scale same for any no. of persons of a family.
- Boat capsized during normal period – Rs.10,000/-.
- Lightning – Rs.10,000/-
- Heat wave – Rs. 10,000/- from CMRF
- Snakebite during Flood – Rs.50,000/-
- Snakebite during normal period – No assistance from CRF
- Death due to Heavy rain – No assistance from CRF
- Drowning during normal period – No assistance from CRF

**4. Assistance in case of Injury**

- Loss of limb or eyes (40%) - Rs.25,000/-
- Grievous injury requiring hospitalisation for more than one week – Rs.5,000/-

**5. House Building Assistance admissible :**

- Pucca Houses Fully Damaged : Rs.10,000/-
- Pucca Houses Severely Damaged: Rs.2,000/-
- Pucca Houses Partially Damaged : Rs. 800/-
- Kucha House Fully Damaged : Rs. 6,000/-
- Kucha House Severely Damaged : Rs. 1,200/-
- Kucha House Partially Damaged : Rs. 800/-

**a) Test Check**

- Tahasildars / Addl. Tahasildars : 50%
- Sub-Collector : 25%
- Collector / ADM : Sample Check

**b) In case of Fire Accidents**

- Household income limit of : Rs.6,000/- deleted
- Shops fully damaged : Rs.2,000/-
- Shops substantially damaged : Rs.1,000/-

IF

Annual income of the shop owner <Rs.25,000/-

Shop not insured, and not located on objectionable Govt. land.

**6. Shelter Materials and Utensils for Fully Damaged Houses :**

- Rs.400/- in lieu of Polythene per household
- Rs.500/- for utensils per household
- Rs.500/- for clothing per household.

**7. Agriculture Input Subsidy :**

Crop loss of 50% and above of small & marginal farmers –

- Rs.1,000/- per ha. in Rain fed areas.
- Rs.2,500/- per ha. in irrigated areas.

In case of Severe Natural Calamity in 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, besides per farmer up to 2 ha. maximum for other farmers.

**8. Betelvines damaged :**

- Rs.50/- per decimal
- Maximum Assistance of Rs.500/- for 10 decimal
- Detailed list to be approved by Collector before disbursement

**9. Agricultural land sand cast :**

- If sand deposit >6 inches and less than one foot
- Rs.5000/- per ha. to small and marginal farmers.
- Detailed list to be approved by Collector before disbursement

**Test Check**

- Revenue Supervisor - 100%
- Tahasildar / Addl. Tahasildar - 20%
- Sub-Collector / ADM - 10%
- Collector – Sample test in 5 village

**10. Assistance to Artisans in handicrafts**

- Traditional crafts
- For damaged equipments - Rs.1000/- per person
- For raw materials - Rs. 1000/- per person
- For repair of looms etc. – Rs.1000/- per loom
- Purchase of yam & materials - Rs.1000/- per loom