



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management - Northeast Monsoon 2018 - Cyclonic Storm "Gaja" – Devastation caused due to the Cyclonic Storm "Gaja" in Tamil Nadu – Declaration of the districts of Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai and Dindigul Districts as Cyclone Affected- Orders issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Disaster Management Wing, D.M.II section

G.O(Ms) No.481

Dated: 10.12.2018

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2049

Read:

1. Reports received from the District Collectors of Nagapattinam, Tiruvaur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai and Dindigul Districts.
2. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai - 5, Letter No.R.C.Letter No.NC.I(2)/ 2057/2018, dated 05.12.2018

ORDER:

In the reference second read above, the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has stated as follows:-

a) Tamil Nadu is multi hazard prone and faces brunt of the Cyclonic storms during the Northeast Monsoon periods. In addition, Tamil Nadu also faces spells of heavy downpours and cloud bursts resulting in damages due to floods.

b) During the current Northeast Monsoon, the Cyclonic Storm "Gaja" hit and crossed the Tamil Nadu coast between Nagapattinam and Vedaranyam on the early hours of 16.11.2018. As a result, coastal districts as well as interior districts received rainfall coupled with cyclonic winds gusting upto 110 Kmph. On 16.11.2018, the average rainfall recorded in the State was 22.31 mm with 43 stations recording very heavy rainfall in the State.

c) The winds that accompanied Cyclone Gaja were immensely powerful and as a result trees were completely uprooted and strewn across roads. The districts plunged into darkness due to the damage to transmission & distribution lines and transformers. In order to prevent loss of lives, people living in low lying areas were evacuated to relief camps and were provided with food, safe drinking water and basic sanitation facilities in the relief shelters.

d) In spite of the extensive preparedness measures taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu for Cyclone "Gaja", loss of human lives, livestock,

poultry and damages to huts, tiled houses, agricultural crops could not be averted and this damage has resulted in loss of livelihood of the poor. Further, due to the magnitude of the Cyclone "Gaja", extensive damages have also been reported to the power infrastructure, affecting rural industries and having cascading effect on livelihood opportunities in formal and informal sectors. Similarly, agriculture including horticulture and plantation crops, road networks, fisheries infrastructure, drinking water supply, community assets of local bodies etc., have also been extensively damaged, leading to loss of livelihood.

e) The districts of Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Pudukottai faced the brunt of the Gaja cyclone. The cyclone severely affected the above districts, caused extensive damages to huts/houses, agriculture, horticulture, infrastructure, transport etc., leaving thousands of family in the relief shelters, inflicted huge blow to power infrastructure, leading to crippling of communication and leading to severe impact on livelihood opportunities.

f) In view of the above reported extensive damages to the infrastructure caused due to Cyclone "Gaja", normal life of the general public has been thrown out of gear in many taluks of Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai districts leading to severe loss of livelihood. Taking into account the largescale damages caused to agricultural/horticultural crops and fisheries, power & infrastructure in many villages, the District Collectors of the above districts have reported that the Districts have been severely affected due to Cyclone "Gaja".

g) In respect of Dindugal district, Kodaikanal division has been severely affected and Reddiyarchathiram block has been moderately affected, besides sporadic damages in Dindigul East, Dindigul west, Nilakottai, Natham, Athoor, Palani, Oddanchathram and Vendasandur Taluks of Dindigul. The District Collectors of other Districts such as Sivagangai, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Theni, Cuddalore and Karur have stated that their districts are also mildly affected due to cyclone storm "Gaja".

2. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration has further stated that considering the fact that Cyclone "Gaja" has affected all walks of life, ravaged the economy of fishermen, crippled power, transport infrastructure and dealt a heavy blow to agricultural and horticultural crops. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has requested the orders of the Government on the following:-

(i) To declare the districts of Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai and Kodaikanal division in Dindigul district in the State of Tamil Nadu to be declared as **"Cyclone Affected"**

(ii) To declare the West Taluk of Dindigul District; Manapparai and Marungapuri Taluks of Tiruchirappalli District as **moderately affected**; and

(iii) To declare the following Taluks of respective Districts to be declared as **mildly affected**: -

| Sl. No. | District | Taluk |
|---------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Dindigul | Nilakottai, Natham, Athoor, Palani, Oddanchathram and Vedasandur |
| 2 | Karur | Kadavur, Kulithalai, Aravakurichi, Krishnayapuram, Karur and Manmangalam |
| 3 | Cuddalore | Panruti, Cuddalore, Kurinjipadi, Kattumannar koil, Virudachalam |
| 4 | Madurai | Madurai East, Madurai North, Madurai West, Melur, Thirumangalam, Usilampati, Peraiyur, Vadipatti and Kallikudi |
| 5 | Sivagangai | Singampunari, Karaikudi, Thirupathur, Sivaganga, Devakottai, Manamadurai, Kalaiyarkovil, Thiruppuvanam and Ilayangudi |
| 6 | Theni | Theni, Andipatti, Periyakulam, Bodinayakanur and Uthamapalayam |
| 7 | Ramanathapuram | Ramanathapuram, Rameswaram, Kilakarai, Paramakudi, Mudukulathur, Kamuthi, Kadaladi and Thiruvadana |
| 8 | Thiruchirapalli | Trichy East, Trichy West, Thiruverumbur, Srirangam, Lalgudi, Mannachannallur, Musiri, Thuraiyur and Thottiyam |

3. The Government after careful consideration accept the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration and declare as follows:-

Cyclone affected.

Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Kodaikanal Division in Dindigul District.

Moderately affected.

West Taluk of Dindigul District; Manapparai and Marungapuri Taluks of Tiruchirappalli District.

Mildly affected.

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4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.63297/Finance(Revenue)/2018, dated: 10.12.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue
Administration, Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.

The Commissioner (Disaster Management),
Tamil Nadu Risk Reduction Agency, Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005.

The Collectors,
Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Tanjavur, Pudukottai, Dindigul,
Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Tiruchirappalli,
Madurai, Theni and Cuddalore Districts.

The Accountant General (A & E), Chennai - 600 018.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/South/North),
Chennai - 600 008/600 035/600 001.

The District Treasury Officers,
Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Tanjavur, Pudukottai, Dindigul,
Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Karur, Tiruchirappalli,
Madurai, Theni and Cuddalore Districts.

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The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Chennai -600 009.

- The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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- The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
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- The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Chennai - 600 009.
- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
Chennai-600 009.
- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Energy Department, Chennai-600 009.
- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forest Department, Chennai-600 009.
- The Agriculture Production
Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department, Chennai-600 009.
- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department,
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- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Co-Operative, Food and consumer Protection
Department, Chennai-600 009.
- The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Chennai-600 009.
- The Honourable Chief Minister's Office, Chennai - 600 009.
- The Honourable Deputy Chief Minister's Office,
Chennai - 600 009.
- The Special Personal Assistant to Honourable Minister
(Revenue and Disaster Management), Chennai - 600 009.
- The Senior Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to
Government, Chennai - 600 009.
- The Principal Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai - 600 009.
- The Revenue and Disaster Management (O.P.II)
Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- SF/SC.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

M. Mahendran
SECTION OFFICER. 10/12/18

10.12.18.