

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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High level meeting convened in Main Secretariat

Shillong, April 18th, 2019 : Today on 18th April, 2019 a high level meeting was convened in the Main Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Minister In-charge Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Shri. Kyrmen Shylla with the Chief Secretary Government of Meghalaya and Commissioner of Division of both Garo, Khasi and Jaintia Hills Division to take stock of the situation of each district through video conferencing with the concerned Deputy Commissioner arising out of the cyclonic storm which occurred in almost all parts of the State from 14th April, 2019 till 17th April, 2019.

The Chairman reviewed the present situation of each district with the Deputy Commissioners respectively. The Chairman asked all the Deputy Commissioners to be on alert and to gear up all the field level officers to respond effectively also to put in maximum effort to cover all the affected families especially in the far flung areas.

The Chief Secretary then asked all the Deputy Commissioners to submit detailed assessment reports at the earliest and also instructed all the Deputy Commissioners to have contingency plans to meet exigencies and mitigate the grievances of the affected people. The Additional Chief Secretary, I/c Revenue &

Disaster Management Department thereafter gave an initial report on the damages caused to the household properties, public and private assets.

It was informed that so far, 3(three) persons were reportedly injured under West Garo Hills and medical facilities were provided to them. Almost all the districts are affected but major damages were reported from Garo Hills Division and few districts from Khasi & Jaintia Hills namely West Khasi Hills, East Jaintia, West Jaintia Hills etc,.

As per the initial report received from all the district the total number of villages affected are 700 and households affected are 10554. Besides about 100 number of school buildings and few community halls have also been damaged. Gratuitous Relief in kinds and also tarpaulins have been distributed to those affected families whose houses have been damaged fully. The power supply in some parts of the district namely West Garo Hills, South West Khasi Hills and Ri-Bhoi District has been disrupted which has been restored partially and the department (MePDCL) is putting in all efforts to restore the same.