

Press Release
Flood Situation in Orissa
Date: 28.09.11

The water level in different major Rivers in the State is indicated below:

Water level (in Metre at 3 PM):

River	Gauge Station	Warning Level	Danger Level	Present Water Level	Trend
Brahmani	Jenapur	22.00	23.00	20.88	Falling
Baitarani	Anandpur	37.45	38.36	35.64	Falling
	Akhuapada		17.83	17.03	Steady
Subarnarekha	Rajghat	9.45	10.36	8.77	Falling

Flood in all the Rivers in the State has receded below the danger level.

Ten Districts have been affected by the 2nd spell of flood. 3569 villages of 68 Blocks and 12 ULBs namely Angul-7, Balasore-12+1ULB, Bhadrak-6+2ULB, Deogarh-1, Dhenkanal-6+1ULB, Jajpur-10+1ULB, Keonjhar-9+4ULB, Kendrapada-8+1ULB, Mayurbhanj-4+1ULB, Sundargarh5+1ULB have been affected by the current flood.

38 persons (Balasore-3, Bhadrak-9, Dhenkanal-2, Jajpur-9, Keonjhar-4, Kendrapada-6, Mayurbhanj-1 and Sundargarh-4) have lost their lives in the calamity due to drowning/ snakebite/ wall collapse. Besides, there is report of 3 persons missing in Angul, Mayurbhanj and Kendrapada Districts. The District-wise details are given in the statement overleaf.

626 boats have been deployed for rescue and relief operation. 626 free kitchens have been opened to provide cooked food to the persons evacuated/ marooned. Dry ration has also been provided to people in different affected areas. Five helicopters of Indian Air Force and Indian Navy have been pressed into service for airdropping of food packets in most affected areas of Jajpur and Kendrapada Districts.

Government have directed that in view of the need for flood relief operations including damage/ loss assessment, distribution of assistance to flood affected people and also for immediate flood restoration work in the affected Districts, Puja Holidays from 02.10.2011 to 11.10.2011 for the officials involved in Flood Relief Operation shall stand cancelled and they shall not be allowed to take leave during this period without prior approval of the Special Relief Commissioner in deserving cases only. This is also applicable to officials of other Districts deputed to affected Districts for flood relief/ assessment/ restoration work.

After arrival of the remaining six members of the Inter Ministerial Central Team today, the full team has been divided into 3 sub-teams as follows and slated to visit different affected Districts for on the spot assessment of damages caused due to flood.

Group-A	1. Shri O. P. Mahey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India (Team Leader) 2. Shri Deena Nath, Dy. Director, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure 3. Shri Anar Singh, Sr. Research Officer, Planning Commission 4. Shri Sunil Kumar Verma, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways	Puri District
Group-B	1. Shri Sudhir Saxena, Sr. Consultant, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation 2. Shri D. K. Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development 3. Sri Ambarish Nayak, Suptd, Engineer (Coordination), Mahanadi & Eastern Rivers Orgn	Kendrapada and Jagatsinghpur Districts
Group-C	1. Dr. M.C.Diwakar, Director, DRD, Min. of Agriculture (D/o Agril.Coopn), Patna 2. Dr. A.K.Satpathi, Regional Director, Regional Office of Health & FW, Bhubaneswar 3. Shri R. K. Verma, Director(CEA), Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power	Cuttack, Bhadrak and Jajpur Districts

Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the flood affected areas of Bhadrak Districts and reviewed the flood situation in a high level meeting at 04.30 PM today.