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SPECIAL RELIEF COMMISSIONER

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SPECIAL RELIEF ORGANISATION

The Special Relief Organisation has been created under the Board of Revenue in 1965-66 for relief and rescue operation during and after occurrence of various natural calamities. Since its inception to the present day, the scope of Relief Organisation has been diversified. Now it deals with disaster management i.e. responsibility of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation in connection with natural disasters. It co-ordinates with districts / departments for quick relief and rescue operation, reconstruction and rehabilitation work. It also promotes disaster preparedness at all levels in the State with the assistance of Orissa Disaster Mitigation Authority (OSDMA). Quick response in the natural calamities is the hall-mark of Special Relief Organisation. Recently, the State Emergency Operation Centre has been made operational at Rajiv Bhawan, Bhubaneswar with state of art communication net-work. The Control Room of Special Relief Organisation at Bhubaneswar is also functioning round the clock from May to November.

The Organisation is headed by the Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) who exercises all administrative and financial powers as Heads of Department. He is assisted by a group of experienced officers and staff. During any natural disaster, the office functions round the clock in an emergency mode.

The state being one of the most vulnerable to various natural disasters has encountered one or other severe calamities each year. Recurrence of repeated disasters has no doubt negated the developmental progress in the state. But Special Relief Organisation is striving hard to mitigate the impact of such disasters and keep the loss of life and property to the minimum through quick response mechanism. Since supercyclone'99 a paradigm shift has been made in the approach to disaster management and auto triggered response mechanism has been put to place from GP level to State level. The result of this has been felt during the recent years.

Functions of Special Relief Organization.

The activities of Special Relief Organisation extend to eleven natural calamities prescribed by Government of India i.e. Drought, Cyclone, Flood, Fire, Earthquake, Hailstorm, Tsunami, Cloud burst, Landslide, Avalanche and Pest attack. The action mainly includes :

- i) To remain in preparedness to meet the contingencies arising out of the above calamities and to arrange relief measures.
- ii) To supervise and to provide funds for the rescue and relief operations.
- iii) To monitor repair/restoration and rehabilitation work of the damaged properties and habitation.
- iv) To undertake long-term measures by coordinating the activities of different Departments in order to minimize the impact of natural calamities and human casualties.
- v) To constantly monitor the daily rainfall recording of 30 districts through-out the year.
- vi) To monitor hunger and starvation in any part of the state due to food scarcity on account of any severe natural disaster.

The State Port Engineer who works under the SRC looks after maintenance and deployment of power boats stationed in all the districts for relief and rescue operation during floods.

Organization Chart

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Jobs allotted
1.	Shri Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra Special Relief Commissioner	HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
2.	Additional Commissioner Relief	Vacant
3.	Suresh Chandra Suar Joint Commissioner, Relief	Accounts/Budget/Establishment/Audit/PAC/C&AG/ MIS/SPEO Natural Calamity/Meeting/Seminar & Training/ Disaster Management Act & Policy/Relief Code/ OSDMA/Red Cross & NGO Co-ordination / NCRMP / IDRN / UEVAR / NDRM / DRM / GRAMSAT & R.T.I.
4.	VACANT Under Secretary	
5.	Pravat Ranjan Mohapatra Under Secretary	Floods/Disaster Management Act & Rules/Policy, IDRN/Meeting/Seminar/Conference/ Training/District EOCs./Co-ordination with Red Cross, NGOs /Misc. matters.
6.	Bikramaditya Barik Asst. Financial Advisor	Budget/ Utilization Certificates/Accounts/Nizarat/Finance Commission relating to Natural Calamities/Relief Code/CRF & NCCF Schemes & norms.
7.	Mihir Prasad Mohanty Asst. Financial Advisor	Establishment/ Audit/PAC/C&AG/Court matters/R.T.I.
8.	Shakti Prasad Chakrabarty State Port Engineer	Head of office of State Port Engineering Organization./ Technical Adviser to Govt. in all matters of manufacture on Sea going, River going, Canal going crafts./ He would intimate and put up to Government proposal for Estt. of Work-shop, Dry dock and splipways etc.
9	Amarjit Behera Assistant Engineer, (Mech.)	Overall charges of the store of SPEO/Supervision of Boat of Boat repair and maintenance and rescue operation.
10	Mahefuz Ali Khan	Immediate supervision technical officer of the repair and mentanance of power boat and deployed district of

	Junior Engineer(Mechanical)	Cuttack,Jagatsinghpur,Khordha,Nayagarh,Ganjam,Sonepur,Angul & Deogarh and also looking after the repair of the maintance of vehicles.
11	Ramesh Chandra Behera,J.E(Mech.)	Looking after the repair and maintenance of power boats of Balasore,Bhadrak & Keonjhar districts
12	Prasanta Ku. Choudhury,J.E.(Mech.)	Looking after the repair and maintenance of power boats of Balasore,Bhadrak & Keonjhar districts
13	Adikanda Pradhan,J.E(Mech)	Looking after the repair and maintenance of power boats of Kendrapara,Malkangiri,Nawarangpur,Kalahandi,Nuapada & Koraput districts
14	Bijaya Ku. Dash,J.E(Mech)	Looking after the repair and maintenance of power boats of Jajpur & Sundergarh districts
15	Md. Taher Khan,J.E(Mech.)	Incharge of store and looking after the repair and maintenance of power boats of Puri districts.