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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

STAND BY ODISHA JOIN HANDS TO 'REBUILD ODISHA'

Odisha is facing the fury of nature. "Fani" has wreaked havoc across the State in particular it has ravaged the 14 coastal districts viz. Puri, Khurda, Cuttuck, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Dhenkanal, Nayagarh, Jajipur, Bhadrak, Baleswar, Gajapati, Ganjam, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj.

2. This catastrophe has resulted in loss of many precious human lives and livestock. Over half a million dwellings have been damaged and over 2 million trees have been uprooted. Infrastructure has been severely damaged. Communication system and power supply is in disarray. Potable water and essential materials have become precious commodities and the prices have sky rocketed. The citizenry has been subjected to extreme misery and hardship as a consequence. Property and belongings of huge populace including our own employees and officers have been damaged and affected. It is estimated that the loss is about Rs.12000 crore.

3. The State is doing its best to provide relief. Various governmental arms and agencies have been pressed into rescue operations. There are no words to adequately convey our appreciation to the emergency workers who along with civil society organisations, personnel of NDRF, the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force and officials of Odisha Government who are engaged in the restoration work. Support is pouring in from all quarters as various organisations and individuals have spontaneously responded to the appeal of the Government to extend support in relief measures. Every effort is being made to bring back normalcy in the lives of people of Odisha.

4. True to the tradition and legacy of AIBOC, our State Unit in Odisha along with its affiliates is in the forefront, extending help not only to our members but also to the cyclone victims across the length and breadth of the State. Financial contributions are being extended from various PSBs, PSUs and other organisations. AIBOC will be contributing a sum of **Rs 11 lakh** to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to be a part of the effort to 'Rebuild Odisha'.

It is imperative and humane that we should all stand by the people of Odisha in this hour of crisis. As a responsible organisation, we have our social obligation towards the society. When huge population is suffering and are in distress, we are duty bound to rise to the occasion and do the best we can to ameliorate the sufferings. Let us, therefore, pledge to extend all possible assistance to 'Rebuild Odisha'.

#StandByOdisha
#RebuildOdisha

With greetings,

Comradely yours,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary