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**To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)**

## **JOIN HANDS TO REBUILD WEST BENGAL**

Extremely severe cyclone on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the battered the state for speed of 165-185 kmph leaving a trail of death and enormous South Bengal districts and its capital were left



vehemence of the cyclone caused extensive damages to harvest-ready crops and vegetables, livestock, fisheries, dwellings as well as environment. At the time of penning the circular, there are vast areas in the capital city and the districts, which are still inundated and without any power and water supply. In the aftermath of fury of *Amphan*, low lying, coastal and mangrove forest areas of West Bengal are still flooded and in disarray. Potable water and essential materials have become scarce commodities. The grim pictures that are surfacing every day from the ravaged areas of the southern fringes of the state are heart breaking.

*Amphan* that hit West Bengal fiercest in recent memory, over 9 hours with a peak wind packed with heavy rainfall, many precious human lives destruction across half a dozen besides Kolkata city. The state battered and bruised, as the

2. The people of the state is already under huge misery and hardship on account of increasing cumulative number of Confirmed COVID-19 cases and not decreasing daily infection rate (DIR). *Amphan* has added colossal plight for the common people. Displacement of a vast rural population followed by their rehabilitation at relief camps at this devastating situation has become a further source of fresh additions to Coronavirus contamination.

3. Preliminary estimates done by the state government peg the extent of damage at Rs. 1 lakh crore affecting at least 16 out of 23 districts of the state. The sheer scale of the disaster was immediately recognised by the Central government and on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020, the Hon'ble Prime Minister rushed to the city to conduct an aerial survey to assess the damage caused by cyclone *Amphan* especially across South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas – the worst affected districts in the state along with the Chief Minister and Governor of the state. Hon'ble Prime Minister announced a relief package of \$132 million (approximately Rs 1000 crore) forthwith.

4. True to the tradition and legacy of AIBOC, our State Unit in West Bengal along with its affiliates is fully geared up to extend all possible help not only to our members but also to the cyclone victims across the length and breadth of the State. AIBOC will be contributing a sum of **Rs 15 lakh** (Rupees Fifteen lakh only) to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund to be a part of the effort to 'Rebuild West Bengal'.

5. Considering the extent of damages caused by cyclone *Amphan*, as a trade union with a predestined objective of observing social obligations and responsibilities, it is an imperative and humane bounden duty of ours to stand by the people of West Bengal and do the best we can to alleviate their sufferings. We urge upon all our Affiliates to

contribute generously for the noble cause. Any such contribution may directly be credited to the West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund (**A/C No. 628005501339, IFS Code ICIC0006280, ICICI Bank Ltd., Howrah Branch**) or alternatively routed through us by crediting to the account of the AIBOC Central Office bearing no. **36839815776, IFS Code SBIN0014524, SBI SPPB Branch Kolkata.**

Let us pledge to extend all possible assistance to 'Rebuild West Bengal'. We convey our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives due to the cyclone.

**#StandForBengal#**

***Stay Healthy, Stay Safe***

.With greetings,



**(Soumya Datta)  
General Secretary**

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***A virus does not spread itself. It is we, who spread it.***

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