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<u>Subject: Preparedness for any expected Cyclone- Dissemination of Do's and Don'ts.</u>

Madam/Sir.

In view of the situations arising out of any expected Cyclone in the States/UTs are expected to be better prepared to deal with such situations. All concerned States/UTs, stakeholders and community should start preparing and taking preventive measures to deal with such weather conditions, as it may further aggravate the situation.

2. A set of comprehensive Do's and Don'ts relating Cyclones is being sent herewith for wider dissemination and awareness generation, which can be used to ensure better and timely preparedness against Cyclones.

3. You may also like to take other measures for preparedness for Cyclones and may like to share the same with NDMA, which may also be shared with other prone States / UTs.

Encl: as above

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Yours faithfully,

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# Cyclone: Do's and Don'ts

## Before the Cyclone season:

- Check the house; secure loose tiles and carry out repairs of doors and windows
- Remove dead branches or dying trees close to the house; anchor removable objects such as lumber piles, loose tin sheets, loose bricks, garbage cans, sign-boards etc. which can fly in strong winds
- Keep some wooden boards ready so that glass windows can be boarded if needed
- Keep a hurricane lantern filled with kerosene, battery operated torches and enough dry cells
- Demolish condemned buildings
- Keep some extra batteries for transistors
- Keep some dry non-perishable food always ready for use in emergency

#### **Necessary actions**

The actions that need to be taken in the event of a cyclone threat can broadly be divided into :

- Immediately before the cyclone season
- When cyclone alerts and warnings are communicated
- When evacuations are advised
- When the cyclone has crossed the coast

#### When the Cyclone starts

- Listen to the radio (All India Radio stations give weather warnings).
- Keep monitoring the warnings. This will help you prepare for a cyclone emergency.
- Pass the information to others.
- Ignore rumours and do not spread them; this will help to avoid panic situations.
- Believe in the official information
- When a cyclone alert is on for your area continue normal working but stay alert to the radio warnings.
- Stay alert for the next 24 hours as a cyclone alert means that the danger is within 24 hours.

When your area is under cyclone warning get away from low-lying beaches or other low-lying areas close to the coast

- Leave early before your way to high ground or shelter gets flooded
- Do not delay and run the risk of being marooned
- If your house is securely built on high ground take shelter in the safe part of the house. However, if asked to evacuate do not hesitate to leave the place.
- Board up glass windows or put storm shutters in place.
- Provide strong suitable support for outside doors.
- If you do not have wooden boards handy, paste paper strips on glasses to prevent splinters.
   However, this may not avoid breaking windows.
- Get extra food, which can be eaten without cooking. Store extra drinking water in suitably covered vessels.
- If you have to evacuate the house move your valuable articles to upper floors to minimize flood damage.
- Ensure that your hurricane lantern, torches or other emergency lights are in working condition and keep them handy.
- Small and loose things, which can fly in strong winds, should be stored safely in a room.
- Be sure that a window and door can be opened only on the side opposite to the one facing the wind.
- Make provision for children and adults requiring special diet.
- If the centre of the cyclone is passing directly over your house there will be a lull in the wind and rain lasting for half an hour or so. During this time do not go out; because immediately after that, very strong winds will blow from the opposite direction.
- Switch off the electrical mains in your house.
- Remain calm.

#### When Evacuation is instructed

- Pack essentials for yourself and your family to last a few days. These should include medicines, special food for babies and children or elders.
- Head for the proper shelter or evacuation points indicated for your area.
- Do not worry about your property

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- At the shelter follow instructions of the person in charge.
- Remain in the shelter until you are informed to leave

## Post-cyclone measures

- You should remain in the shelter until informed that you can return to your home.
- You must get inoculated against diseases immediately.
- Strictly avoid any loose and dangling wires from lamp posts.
- If you have to drive, do drive carefully.
- Clear debris from your premises immediately.
- Report the correct losses to appropriate authorities.

#### **Cyclone - Pointers**

- 1. Fishermen should
- Ignore rumours, Stay calm, Don't panic
- Keep your mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS
- Keep a radio set with extra batteries handy
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates
- Keep boats/rafts tied up in a safe place
- Don't venture out in the sea
- 2. Before cyclone
- Ignore rumours, Stay calm, Don't panic
- Keep your mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates
- Keep your documents and valuables in water-proof containers
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival
- Secure your house; carry out repairs; don't leave sharp objects loose
- Keep cattle/animals unties to ensure their safety
- 3. During and After Cyclone
- A) If Indoors
- Switch off electrical mains and gas connection
- Keep doors and windows shut
- If your house is unsafe, leave early before the onset of a cyclone
- Listen to radio; rely only on official warnings
- Drink boiled/chlorinated water

# B) If Outdoors

- Do not enter damaged buildings
- Watch out for broken electric poles and wires, and other sharp objects
- Seek a safe shelter as soon as possible