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PRESS RELEASE

Governor expresses concern, calls for activating the State Disaster Management Authority

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has expressed grave concern on recent incidents of sudden heavy rains, cloud burst and flooding in eastern part of the State which was followed by massive tremors. He desired that the district administrations and State Government should provide necessary relief and assistances to the affected people to cope with natural calamities.

The Governor called for activating the State Disaster Management Authority and its constituent units across the State. He advised the Disaster Management officials and personnel to closely monitor the situation in different parts of the State and alert the National Disaster Response Force as and when necessary without loss of any time. The Governor has also desired that all the Deputy Commissioners, ADCs, Sub Divisional Officers should keep the District Teams on high alert at all the times and keep the control room running 24 hours a day by putting officials on duty on roster basis. He also felt that the State Chief Secretary should reiterate the Standing Guidelines to face threats to lives and properties due to possible major earthquakes. Closest coordination should also be maintained by the State and District authorities with the Army, Air Forces, Para Military forces, Red Cross and other NGOs etc., engaged in rescue and relief operations.

The Governor suggested for conducting emergency drills required in cases of earthquakes, floods, fire accidents and other natural calamities on regular basis. Special attention need to be given to school students, nursery student, colleges, university, hospitals, Government Offices and Market places etc.

As the rainy season is approaching, the Governor called upon the people to prepare themselves to be ready and exercise vigil to face any eventualities.

In order to review the preparedness with State Government and the Disaster Management Authorities, the Governor has called for a meeting with Chief Minister (In charge Disaster Management), Deputy Chief Ministers, the Chief Secretary and other concerned officers at Raj Bhavan on 16th April 2016.

PRO to Governor
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