

**OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
RELIEF & DISASTER MANAGEMENT
SOUTH ANDAMAN**

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PRESS RELEASE

Financial assistance by District Administration; South Andaman to the victims/their families in distress as a result of natural calamity.



The District Administration; South Andaman has left no stone unturned in reaching out to the people/their families in distress as a result of natural calamity by providing timely assistance.

In this regard Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, (Relief & Disaster Management) have Issued relief/sanction orders for amount of Rs 1,00,000 (Rs One Lakh Only) to the victims of Natural calamity from Tusnabad village under Ferrargunj Tehsil namely Shri Dulal Mondal & Shri Rajesh Mondal whose houses got Damaged in the recent cyclone.

The succour being provided as a helping hand to such people who lost their life and property or lost their means of livelihood enabling them to restart the essential activities so as to reduce their level of suffering

In this regard the Deputy Commissioner South Andaman has issued strict directions to all the field functionaries for ensuring all possible assistance to such families by providing immediate relief to such families.

During the Current year till date an amount of Rs 4,50,400/- (Four Lakh Fifty thousand Four Hundred only) has been disbursed as Ex-Gratia relief to 22 nos of Victims of tree falling, land slide & fire accident.

Beside above, In terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. (C) No.539 & 554 of 2021 and subsequent guidelines issued by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) No. 16/11/2021-RR. Dtd 11.9.2021 for sanctioning Ex-gratia assistance to next of the kin of the deceased by COVID-19 pandemic, recommending an amount of Rs 50,000/- (Rs Fifty Thousand) per deceased person including those involved in relief operations or associated in preparedness activities, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has launched a Help Desk for hassle free processing of applications related to COVID-19 death compensation cases. The dedicated help desk has provided all the requisite assistance to the next of kin/family members of the deceased with information related to documents required for processing the applications smoothly and also helping the applicants in getting early disbursement of Ex-gratia relief.

After providing the requisite assistance to the General Public and scrutinizing the applications filed; till now; the District Administration; South Andaman, apart from above an amount of Rs 68,50,000/- (Sixty Eight Lakh Fifty Thousand only) has been released against 137 numbers of Victims who died due to COVID-19 till now. The District Administration is dedicated to adopt proactive mode to deal with all disaster issues.

The District Administration has established a help line No 1077 (toll free) & 2328881, 240127 for the people of South Andaman District which is functioning 24x7 hours. As and when required the victims or their family members are contacting and informing the details of incident, which are being attended on priority.

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