

# ALL INDIA BSNL PENSIONERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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### SPECIAL CIRCULAR

Dear Comrades,

In India, every year, we face fury of the nature at some place or the other. In 2015, unusual rains caused heavy damage in Uttrakhand and again after few months cyclone hit Visakhapatnam and Viziangaram areas of Andhra. In August 2018, unprecedented rains resulted in a maha-pralay in Kerala and Kodagu district of Karnataka; and in November 2018 the Gaja cyclone hit Tamilnadu. Now, the FANI in Odisha. West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra and Tamilnadu are areas prone to cyclones. Lakhs of brethrens are affected by the devastation caused by such natural calamities. AIBSNLPWA rose to the occasion every time. We donated Rs 1.28 lakh to Prime Minister's Relief fund after Uttrakhand floods. Andhra comrades donated good amount to the Chief Ministers Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) of Andhra. Our members from all over India donated Rs 36 lakhs to CMDRF of Kerala and Rs 2.46 for Kodagu. Tamilnadu and Chennai TD circle comrades donated more than Rs 11 lakh. The totally damaged building of a school in the outskirts of Chennai was reconstructed by our Association. It stands out there as a permanent monument of the welfare activities of AIBSNLPWA.

Now the furious FANI cyclone has devastated 14 out of the 30 districts of Odisha in May 2019. According to Government sources, 159 blocks and 18,388 villages were affected, with a total population of 16.5 Lakhs. 508467 houses have been damaged. Thanks to Science & Technology, due to advance warning, human casualty is limited to 64. More than 14 lakh people were evacuated to safer places. But, huge damage has been reported to public infrastructure including roads, Mobile and Electric towers, health facilities and schools. The holy town of Puri, where we held our last AIC, is shattered. Mobile towers are torn into pieces. Most of the shops in the Grand Road of Puri, in front of the Gundicha/Nilachal/Niladri Bhakta Niwases, where we all stayed during the AIC, are thrown away and scattered. Only after 15 days the power supply was restored in Jagannath Temple and the Grand Road. Still, there is no power supply, no drinking water at many places in the state. It will take years for Odisha to come back to normalcy. Huge sum of money is required for it.

Our Circle unit in Odisha has decided to raise relief fund and make over the entire sum so received to the CMDRF of Odisha. AIBSNLPWA, in true spirit, is a welfare organization. We fight for our demands and we extend our help to the people in distress, at any part of our motherland. So, I call upon all members and branches in all circles to donate liberally to the Relief Fund being set up by our Odisha Circle Association. Please collect it immediately and remit directly to the fund. Accounts details of the Circle Relief Fund are given below:

**Current A/c name:** AIBSNLPWA - ODISHA - FANI RELIEF FUND  
**A/c Number:** 38470447199  
**Bank and branch:** SBI Govt. Treasury branch, Bhubaneswar  
**IFSC:** SBIN0009025

**Please rush your donations before 15-7-2019. Remit the same online. All the amounts will be made over to CMDRF in two instalments; on 1st July and then on 20th July 2019.**

Yours fraternally,

22-5-2019

P Gangadhara Rao,  
General Secretary