
EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION
Jeevan Deep Buildings (1st Floor), Exhibition Road, Patna-800001

Circular No.09/2008

Date: 30.08.2008

To,

All members,

Dear Comrade,

Re: Reach out to the Flood Victims of Bihar

Thousands of families are reeling from the deluge that has flooded the state of Bihar. Heavy rain and a breach in the embankment of the river Kosi have wrought havoc in the flood affected districts of north Bihar, particularly Bhagalpur, Madhepura, Araria, Supaul, Saharsa, Khagaria and Purnia area. Lakhs of families have been ruined. Road and rail links in these areas have been snapped, putting the marooned people to greater peril. The state government has sounded a red alert and asked people to vacate their villages and go to higher places. But higher places are hard to come by; such has been the level of inundation! The situation in Madhepura continues to be bad, with most parts of the township including our own LIC Branch office having been inundated.

Even though the official death toll has been put at about 100, officials admit that the real dimension of the tragedy would be known only after the floodwaters recede. The seriousness of the situation can be gauged from the fact that at least 3 million people have seen their homes and all their belongings washed away. As per media reports, at least 15 lakh people are still waiting to be evacuated- many of them surrounded by waist-deep water. Women, children and the disabled are having a particularly harrowing experience. The Prime Minister of India has declared this as National Calamity.

The calamity that has struck Bihar requires all of us to join hands, rise to the occasion and stand solidly by the side of the flood victims. It has been the glorious tradition of the AIIEA to work not only for the insurance employees alone, but also for the society at large. The poor, the down trodden and the marginalized need our immediate, humanitarian intervention. Immediate help is required to reach out to these hapless families. Our Bhagalpur

divisional unit is already on the scene, taking care of urgent needs like food and clothing. We need to do more. The ECZIEA calls upon insurance employees all over the zone to donate liberally (Rs.50/- in the minimum) for relief to the flood victims of Bihar.

Divisional units are requested to collect the donations as early as possible and **remit the same to ECZIEA headquarters, preferably in the form of a DD favouring the “East Central Zone Insurance Employees Association”, payable at Patna.**

We eagerly look forward to your kind and prompt response.

With greetings,

Comradely Yours

Handwritten signature of Shreekanth Mishra in black ink.

GENERAL SECRETARY