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Directorate General of Works  
Central Public Works Department

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**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Implementation of the Disaster Management Act-2005**

The Government of India has enacted the Disaster management Act and the provisions of this act have come into force from 30/10/2006. Copies of the act are enclosed herewith for information and circulation to all concerned. Copy of the Act can also be downloaded from the web.

Sections 36 and 37 of the Act lay down the role and responsibilities of all Ministries and departments of the Govt. All concerned are directed to note these and ensure compliance.

The act provides for making available all assistance to the designated authorities in relief and rescue operations, capacity building and in reconstruction programmes. All ADGs/CEs are directed to bring to the notice of all field units this fact and direct them to extend fullest cooperation to concerned authorities in meeting and handling disaster situations.

In case the CPWD is requested to draw up plans for reconstruction programmes following issues must be kept in mind while drawing up plans etc.:

- New designs of shelters/structures should take into account local sensitivities, architectural practices and living styles should not be disturbed. Attempt should be to provide modern habitat without disturbing social environment
- New constructions should be well designed, easy to build and should have low cost of maintenance
- Where possible technology transfer to local artisans, builders, engineers on how to make better structures should be a part of reconstruction exercise
- Reconstruction exercise should be a collaborative exercise and all stake holders should be involved
- As far as possible local materials should be used
- Full assistance may be provided to local bodies in visualizing the needs and designing these in a proper manner
- New construction should take into account local environment sensitivities into account and should not cause degradation of the same

Since reconstruction programme will involve deployment of large resource of CPWD the central office must be kept in the picture at all stages.

ADGs and CEs are also directed to ensure that all construction carried out by CPWD is fully compliant with the provisions of the BIS Codes and is built under careful supervision to ensure that it is able to withstand earthquakes etc. The CPWD training Institute conducts regular programmes in this area and the officers should be exposed to this so that they are abreast of the latest requirements of the Codes.

All concerned are also directed to keep ready a list of resources which can be used to handle emergent situations.

A study of the types of disasters that can occur in the geographic areas of the units may be made and special attention paid and plans drawn up to be ready to respond to these effectively.

This issues with the approval of ADG(S&P)

Hindi version follows.

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