

**APPEAL**

The Severe Cyclonic Storm "GAJA" which hit Nagapattinam district on 16.11.2018 has left a trail of destruction. Thousands of trees and electricity poles have been uprooted resulting in the disruption of electricity infrastructure in the districts of Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukottai, Dindigul, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Cuddalore, Karur, Tiruchirapalli, etc.

About 1.30 lakh huts and houses have been damaged. Farmers have lost crops on 88,000 hectares. In particular, thousands of acres of Paddy, Coconut, Banana plantations etc., have suffered extensive damage. As a result the normal life and livelihood of the people has been affected beyond imagination.

Thanks to the precautionary measures undertaken by the Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government, large scale loss of life has been averted. On 12.11.2018 itself, I conveyed a high level meeting and ordered for precautionary measures to be taken up on a war footing basis.

Respective District Ministers, Senior Ministers, I.A.S. officers, Police officers and thousands of personnel have also been sent to undertake relief and restoration work urgently in these affected districts.

Again on 19.11.2018, I took stock of the situation along with Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers & Senior Officials and announced relief of Rs.1,000 crore for affected families, farmers, fishermen and for restoration of infrastructure and essential services. I will also be visiting the affected areas on 20.11.2018.

Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government accords top priority to the restoration of livelihood and infrastructure in the affected areas. I appeal to all Public spirited citizens, Corporates, Non-Governmental organizations and Philanthropists to lend a helping hand to the massive relief and rehabilitation effort launched by the Government by their contribution. The contributions may be made by

i) Internet banking or using Credit /Debit cards from the following website: <https://ereceipt.tn.gov.in/cmprf/cmprf.html>

ii) Contributions can also be made by a crossed Cheque or by means of a Demand Draft (no commission will be made by the Banks) in favour of the
"CHIEF MINISTER'S PUBLIC RELIEF FUND"
and sent to the following address:-

**The Deputy Secretary to Government and Treasurer,
Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund,
Finance Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009, Tamil Nadu, India.
E-mail : dspaycell.findpt@tn.gov.in**

iii) Contributions can also be remitted directly by Electronic Clearing system (ECS) to the designated Savings Bank Account of CMPRF to
Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat, Chennai 600009,
Tamil Nadu, India.

**Bank : Indian Overseas Bank
Branch : Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600009
S.B A/C No. : 11720100000070
IFS Code : IOBA0001172
CMPRF PAN : AAAGC0038F**

Contributors who remit the amount online through ECS, may kindly provide the following details for sending official receipt to enable them to avail income Tax exemption:-

- 1) Name of the contributor 2) Amount of contribution 3) Bank and Branch 4) Date of Remittance
5) Transaction Ref. No. 6) Address for communication 7) e-mail**

The official receipt will be sent to the contributor. Such contribution will be entitled to 100% Tax exemption under Section 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act.

iv) Foreign contributions are invited:-

Foreign contributions can be done using SWIFT Code IOBAINBB001 Indian Overseas Bank, Central Office, Chennai.

Foreign contributions by NRI's or Foreign entities to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Public Relief Fund (CMPRF) is exempted under section 50 of the Foreign contribution (Regulation) Act 2010 communicated vide Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India Order No. F.No. 11/21022/94 (1124) 2015-FCRA-III dated 22.12.2015.

Philanthropists who would like to contribute more than Rs.10 lakhs can hand over the contribution to me in person after getting prior appointment.

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CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU