

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
REVENUE (DM.11) DEPARTMENT**

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Date:13.06.2014

Sub: Disaster Management – Preparatory measures to mitigate Sunstrokes during summer season - 2014 – Communicated for necessary action - Reg.

Ref: Daily Report Dt.12.06.2014 Sun stroke Deaths reported in Andhra Pradesh State.

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The attention of the officers mentioned in the address entry is invited to the reference cited above (copy enclosed). The day time temperatures are considerably increasing, on Tuesday the maximum temperatures fell at places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, the IMD forecasts in its weather report that, mainly dry weather would prevail over Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

2. In this connection, it is requested to take action regarding preparedness, response, relief and mitigation measures as below to avoid sun strokes:

- The Hyderabad Centre of Indian Meteorological Department should continue to issue district-specific heat wave warnings for the next 48 hours with an outlook for the subsequent 48 hours.
- The District Collectors should inform the public through public address system on heat wave warnings.
- Public awareness regarding the common symptoms of heat stroke, its consequences, precautions to be taken, and remedies should be developed taking the help of audio-visual media, cinema slides as well as the print media. Special radio/television programmes on these aspects should be organized by the medical and health department in the summer months.
- The Medical and Health Department should stock adequate quantities of the following items in their stores and all public health centres.
 - ORS
 - IV fluids
 - Glucose
 - Pot Chlore (Potassium Chloride)
 - Derma allergic creams and powder
- The Medical and Health Department should ensure uninterrupted telephone link to all its facilities (institutions) so the people in distress would be in a position to contact them for emergency help.
- Village level functionaries may be imparted training in first aid necessary to combat heat wave symptoms.
- **Preparedness at the community level**
 - a. List of people possessing vehicles and telephones (land phones/mobiles) should be maintained in the villages so that the assistance can be sought for in emergencies.

- b. Telephone numbers of nearby PHCs (primary health centres), district medical and health officer, and the emergency control rooms should be kept ready for use in the Gram Panchayat office and with the village-level functionaries.
- c. The Do's and Don'ts should be adequately publicized by the medical and Health department and practiced by all individuals.
(Enclosed)

- Ensure dependable water supply and accessibility
- Improve road connectivity in rural areas to hospitals/health centers for treatment.
- Persons belonging to weaker sections suffering from heat stroke should be given free medical treatment in government hospitals.
- The forest department should take up afforestation measures.
- Rain water harvesting structures should be constructed to improve the water table. Water harvesting programs must be implemented at the village level.
- District collectors to open 'Chali Vendrams' (water and buttermilk centers) at people congregation points like bus stops, chowrastas, Etc..
- To reschedule the timings of public transport services, working hours of the offices and postpone the exams in heat wave conditions, after taking necessary approvals.
- Take appropriate steps for afforestation to save the environment.

3. Action may be initiated immediately and report submitted on daily basis regarding details of the victims duly extending relief measure and payment of exgratia as per Apathbhandu Norms.

Sd/-

Commissioner for Disaster Management &
Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government

To:

All 13 district Collectors in the Andhra Pradesh State

The Director, IMD, Hyderabad.

The Director, Medical & Health Dept. Hyd.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation Dept. Hyd.

The Engineer-in-Chief, R&B Dept. Hyd.

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS Dept. Hyd.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Urban Water Supply Dept. Hyd.

The Commissioner, Rural Development Dept. Hyd

The Commissioner & Director, Municipal Administration, Hyd.

The Director, Women & Child Welfare, Hyd.

The Commissioner, I & PR Dept.,

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