

MPT PROVIDES EMERGENCY RELIEF TO THE FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY CYCLONE 'OCKHI'

Sunday morning, the Port woke up to see large number of fishing trawlers sailing into the port seeking shelter from the fury of 'OCKHI'.

With the onset of cruise tourism season, Mormugao Port, these days remains all decked up to host large groups of high end tourists from all over world who visit Goa on large luxury cruise ships. However, the winds of change, literally speaking, brought about a large contingent of guests of different kind to the port.

Over 300 fishing boats and trawlers carrying nearly three thousand fisher-folks from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Gujarat are currently taking shelter in the safe haven of Mormugao Port.

Not to be found wanting in this hour of crisis, Mormugao Port has risen to the occasion voluntarily and provided refuge to the fishing vessels inside the Vasco Bay. The Mormugao Port Trust administration under the direct supervision of the Chairman Shri I. Jeyakumar, IRTS, have taken emergency measures to help the victims of the cyclone, as their Corporate Social Responsibility. The Port administration has also appealed to the Corporate Houses of Vedanta Group and the Jindal South West Port Ltd., to associate with the Port in reaching out to help the victims of the 'Ochki' cyclone in this their hour of need and to provide relief assistance.

An Emergency Task Force of senior port executives are camping at the site and rendering all possible help to the fisherman. Arrangements have been made to provide clean drinking water, food, refreshments, medicines, all other essential commodities that may be required to overcome the hardship caused to the fisherman.

Besides the Port Emergency Task Force, a para-medical team headed by two Medical Officers of the MPT Hospital are also present at the site rendering all medical assistance and medicines to the affected fishermen. A Port ambulance is on standby to render help in any medical emergency. So far 40 fishermen have been given treatment for minor ailments. The Harbour Master of the Port is providing regular weather updates and it is expected that some of the fishing vessels would sail out by tomorrow evening.

The Chairman Shri Jeyakumar is personally monitoring the relief operations along with his team of officials and is taking all steps possible to bring comfort to the stranded fisherman, to the extent possible.







