

**Press Release on the meeting of Shri Thiruvanchoor  
Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster  
Management, Government of Kerala with Shri M. Shashidhar  
Reddy, Hon`ble Vice-Chairman, NDMA**

Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Kerala called on Shri M Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 and discussed various issues related to challenges and initiatives for disaster management in Kerala. Shri Radhakrishnan raised the issue of increasing the amount of financial assistance being provided under the Calamity Relief Fund norms. He also requested that deaths due to snake-bites which are common during the monsoon season in Kerala should also be made eligible for payment of any ex-gratia assistance to the families under CRF norms.

During the meeting, the Vice Chairman, NDMA, informed the visiting Minister that the first Phase of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project is being implemented in the two coastal States of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. Further, the Project is envisaged to be implemented in all 13 Cyclone prone States/UTs in phases. West Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Kerala are proposed to be included in Phase-II of the Project while the remaining coastal States/UTs will be included in subsequent phases as and when they are ready with their appraisal documents.

Shri Reddy informed that the Investment Proposal for construction of 40 cyclone shelters in 9 coastal districts with an estimated cost of Rs. 220 crore under the NCRMP was forwarded to the World Bank for appraisal.



Shri Radhakrishnan apprised the Vice-Chairman, NDMA, that the Government of Kerala has since forwarded the clarifications on the comments made by the World Bank. Shri Reddy informed that the same are under examination for being forwarded to the World Bank.

Hon`ble Vice-Chairman, NDMA also informed that NDMA is also taking action to construct three Multipurpose Cyclone Shelters in Kozhikode and Kannur districts with funding out of the Prime Minister`s National Relief Fund at an estimated total cost of Rs. 4, 87, 21,300/-..for the three cyclone shelters.