

# **AITC PRESS RELEASE**

## **After Overnight Monitoring of Rescue Operations In Jalpaiguri,**

### **Mamata Banerjee's Reassurance in Alipurduar:**

#### **'DO NOT WORRY, WE ARE WITH YOU!'**

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- At first, I took stock of the situation and met those who lost their houses and are now staying in the relief camps. I was in Jalpaiguri for the entire night. Today, I have reached here in Alipurduar and interacted with the families staying in the relief camp here. I listened to them and saw that the houses of many were completely destroyed. The people were not able to recover anything
- **People have lost everything and are staying here at the relief camp in Tapsikhata school. Even though a Model Code of Conduct is in place, a situation of disaster is an emergency and [constitutes an] exceptional case. The administration can take measures for assistance in case of any disaster**
- Our government is here. **I will urge the administration to conduct an independent survey to track the losses of people. Assess the extent of damages to the houses. People who don't even have a single utensil or clothes left have been assisted by the administration since yesterday.** If anybody is affected by any disaster, it is our duty to help people and work for them
- **I thank the administration for initiating timely measures and setting up relief camps.** I thank the school committee, our MPs, MLA, Pradhans, Upapradhans, and Zilla Prashad members too. I would only urge everyone to continue standing by the people during this difficult time
- Nobody could gauge that Alipurduar would see this level of damage. Thanks to the Almighty, there are not many casualties here but they have lost everything. **I ask them not to worry as our administration is here and they must conduct a proper survey immediately to ensure nobody is deprived. Make necessary arrangements as per the needs of the people**
- I reached Chalsa early morning today after staying in Jalpaiguri for the whole night. The administration launched rescue operations timely and they should also provide the people with necessary administrative help. I thank the media for their cooperation as well. Administration and leaders such as Prakash Chik Baraik and Suman [Kanjilal] will oversee the arrangements
- I will send Aroop Biswas to Kumargram tomorrow and he will visit the relief camp there. I extend my condolences to Cooch Behar as well. If there is damage in Cooch Behar, the administration shall take necessary measures. The standing instructions have already been given

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