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DC Appeals for Public Safety Amid Severe Weather Conditions in Ri-Bhoi

Nongpoh, March 17: The Deputy Commissioner of Ri-Bhoi District, Shri. Abhilash Baranwal, IAS has urged residents of the district to remain highly vigilant in view of the prevailing adverse weather conditions. He advised the public to stay indoors and avoid venturing into potentially dangerous areas, especially in the event of sudden heavy rainfall or strong winds.

Speaking to the media, the Deputy Commissioner informed that, according to reports received from Block Development Officers (BDOs) across various blocks, as many as 147 villages were affected by a sudden storm that struck on the previous night. It was further reported that over 1,000 households have been impacted, with many suffering severe damage while others experienced partial losses.

The storm and heavy rainfall also disrupted electricity supply, affecting the 132 KV power lines in Byrnihat and Umiam, as well as the 33 KV line in Nongpoh. In response, the district administration has directed the concerned power department to expedite repair and restoration work to prevent prolonged disruptions in power supply.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner has instructed BDOs to conduct field visits to the affected villages, assess the situation on the ground, and ensure that relief reaches the affected households as per their needs.

Meanwhile, the office of the Deputy Commissioner has already dispatched relief materials, including rice, blankets, and other essential items, many of which have been distributed to affected families as part of immediate relief measures.

At the same time, the Deputy Commissioner has appealed to any affected households who have not yet received assistance to report to the DC office through the provided contact numbers, to ensure that relief reaches all those in need.