OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relief and Rehabilitation activities in the Cyclone affected areas of States of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar under new CSR & Sustainability Guidelines.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to the havoc caused by cyclone 'Phailin' in the coastal areas of States of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar resulting in large scale damage to person and property and to say that the Minister for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises has desired that Ministries/Departments may direct CPSEs under their administrative control to take up relief and rehabilitation activities/projects in the cyclone affected areas of these States under their CSR and Sustainability agenda.

2. The relief and rehabilitation projects undertaken by CPSEs in cyclone affected areas of the above mentioned states during 2013-14 would be treated as the projects in the backward regions, and would also qualify for the purpose of MoU evaluation. Further, the limit of 5-10% of annual budget for CSR and Sustainability activities earmarked for natural calamities/disaster will be relaxed for this purpose and the Boards of Directors of respective CPSEs may decide on higher spending on this account.

3. The contribution made by the CPSEs towards Prime Minister's/Chief Minister's Relief Fund and/or National Disaster Management Authority would count as valid CSR and Sustainability activities. An early action in the matter would help in mitigating the effect of this natural calamity.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises.

(Umesh Dongre)
Director

To
Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments concerned with CPSEs.

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