

**CHIEF MINISTER
ANDHRA PRADESH**

D.O. Lr. No. / Spl CS to CM/2026, Dated: 28.10.2026.

Dear Shri Amit Shah ji,

Sub: Disaster Management - Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "Arnab" - Landfall on the Andhra Pradesh coast - Response of the State Government and preliminary damage assessment - Reg.

Ref: Hourly Cyclone Bulletin of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued at 0830 hours IST on 28.10.2026.

I write to bring to your kind notice that Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "Arnab" is crossing the Andhra Pradesh coast, and to apprise you of the situation in the State. As per the hourly bulletin issued by IMD at 0830 hours IST today, the centre of the system lies near 16.4°N and 81.9°E over the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts, about 20 km east of Narsapur and 70 km south-southwest of Kakinada. The system has been practically stationary, and IMD expects the landfall process to be completed by 0930 hours, with winds of 115-125 km/h gusting to 140 km/h over the landfall area.

A storm surge of 1.0 to 1.5 m above the astronomical tide is likely to inundate low-lying areas during the next three hours. Heavy to very heavy rainfall, with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places, is forecast over coastal Andhra Pradesh today, and heavy rainfall at isolated places over north coastal Andhra Pradesh on 29 October. Since yesterday morning, IMD stations have recorded 218 mm of rainfall at Visakhapatnam and 161 mm at Kalingapatnam. IMD has also warned of gale winds over Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, East Godavari, West Godavari, Konaseema, Krishna and Bapatla districts, and of very high to phenomenal sea conditions off our coast, which will ease during the day. Fishermen were advised not to venture into the sea from 26 to 29 October, and the State has enforced this advisory.

I would like to place on record our appreciation of IMD for its timely and detailed bulletins and warnings, including the hourly updates through the night, which have guided our response.

The State machinery has been on the field throughout the night. Sixteen NDRF and eleven SDRF teams have been deployed in 14 districts. The State Emergency Operations Centre, the Real Time Governance Society and all control rooms are functioning round the clock, and more than 28,000 people have been shifted to relief shelters. All fishing boats were brought back to harbour, and no loss of boats has been reported. Medical teams, ambulances, relief supplies,

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power restoration crews and road clearance teams have been positioned in the affected districts, with the District Collectors leading the operations on the ground.

Our preliminary assessment, which is still being verified, shows that the damage has been kept to the minimum possible. I am relieved to inform that no loss of human life has been reported so far. About 180 houses have been reported damaged, mostly in Konaseema district. Over 220 trees have fallen on State roads, of which more than 170 have already been cleared. Road surface damage has been reported at a few places in the coastal areas. Power supply has been disrupted in parts of the coastal districts, and restoration teams are at work. Crops on about 70,900 hectares, mainly paddy, and horticulture crops on about 10,450 hectares have been reported inundated or damaged.

The impact is concentrated along the Godavari delta coast, in Konaseema, Kakinada, East Godavari and West Godavari districts, and in Krishna and Anakapalli districts. Four wards of Visakhapatnam city were inundated, and the Fire Services have attended to over 220 emergency calls, mostly for cutting fallen trees. These figures are likely to change as the assessment teams complete their surveys, and a detailed assessment will be shared with the Government of India.

Our immediate priority is to restore power and drinking water supply, clear roads, and take up sanitation and public health measures in the affected areas, while assisting the families who have been displaced or whose houses have been damaged. Our teams will remain in position until the threat from rain and storm surge has passed.

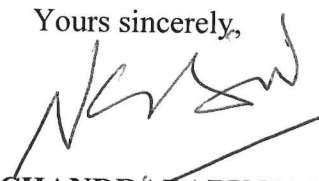
In view of the above, I request the Government of India to kindly:

1. Continue to extend the support of the NDRF and other central agencies, as may be required, in the coming days.
2. Consider the early deputation of a Central team to assess the damage, once the State Government submits its detailed assessment.

I thank the Government of India for its continued support. We will keep a close watch on rainfall and flooding in the coming days and will keep you informed of further developments.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(NARA CHANDRABABU NAIDU)

To

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