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THE IMPACT OF CYCLONE HUDHUD ON THE NAVAL BASE AND CIVILIAN AREAS IN AND AROUND VISAKHAPATNAM HAS BEEN IMMENSE, CAUSING DAMAGE AND DEVASTATION THAT HAVE BEEN UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY

2(.) WHILE THE ENORMITY OF THE DESTRUCTION TO THE BASE AND TOWN IS STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, INITIAL ESTIMATES INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL TIME EFFORT AND INVESTMENT TO BRING BOTH BACK TO THEIR VIBRANT AND QUAIN FORMS. REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL REQUIRE SUSTAINED EFFORT OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. THE NAVY HAS BEEN NOMINATED LEAD AGENCY FOR COORDINATION OF RELIEF MEASURES AND HAS INITIATED OP LEHAR FOR THE SAME

3(.) AT A TIME WHEN NAVAL AND CIVILIAN COMMUNITIES ARE BOTH UNDER TREMENDOUS DISTRESS, NAVAL PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES HAVE DISPLAYED SELFLESS SERVICE AND RARE COMMITMENT, PLACING ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS AHEAD OF THEIR PERSONAL NEEDS. I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE REMARKABLE SPIRIT AND FORTITUDE WITH WHICH PERSONNEL ON GROUND CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN REHABILITATION EFFORTS EVEN AS THEIR OWN HOMES BASE AND WORK SPACES ARE BADLY DAMAGED. SUCH COURAGE AND RESILIENCE ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE NAVY AND WE APPLAUD THE NAVAL COMMUNITY AT VISAKHAPATNAM FOR IT AND STAND FIRMLY COMMITTED TO ASSIST IT IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS

4(.) A PIVOT AND HUB FOR ALL OPERATIONS ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD THE BASE IS TOO CRITICAL A NATIONAL ASSET TO BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO NORMAL IN ITS OWN TIME. EFFORTS NEED TO BE REDOUBLED AT ALL QUARTERS TO DO SO SPPEEDILY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. THIS WILL BE A PRIORITY FOR ALL COMMANDS AND FORMATIONS OF THE NAVY AND NEEDS TO BE VIEWED AS SUCH BY ONE AND ALL. WE ARE FACED WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION THAT NOT ONLY REQUIRES AN EXCEPTIONAL RESPONSE BUT WILL ALSO TEST OUR CHARACTER SAGACITY AND WILL TO SUCCEED

5(.) LET US PULL TOGETHER AT THIS CHALLENGING MOMENT AND DEMONSTRATE YET AGAIN THAT WHILE THE MEN IN WHITE UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE POWER OF NATURE'S

PROCESSES THEIR INDOMITBLE SPIRIT AND WILL TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY HAVE NO PARALLEL.

6(.) IT IS OUR SINGULAR AIM NOW TO ENSURE THAT THE BASE AND COMMUNITY AT VISAKHAPATAN RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL THRIVING STATES AT THE EARLIEST

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