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CM briefs Governor about rescue and relief operations

On the invitation of the Hon’ble Governor Shri. Justice (Retd) P. Sathasivam, the Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan visited Kerala Raj Bhavan today.

During the courtesy visit which lasted 20 minutes, they discussed important matters of the State including the State-wide rescue and relief operations in coastal area being carried out in the aftermath of the Cyclone Ockhi.

The Hon’ble Governor who shared with the Chief Minister, the feedback received from different sources about the rescue work, lauded the Government's decision to increase the solatium to Rs.20 lakh to the next of kin of those who lost their lives and those missing in sea and declared not traceable. They discussed the possibility of strengthening the mechanism to record information about the fishermen who venture into the sea. The Governor inquired about Kerala fishermen who had drifted away and reached in Karnataka and Maharashtra after being stranded in sea. The Governor also requested Chief Minister to contact his counterparts in those States for early transportation of Kerala Fishermen. The Chief Minister informed that nodal and special officers have been deployed to ensure their transportation to Kerala.

Yesterday, Vice Admiral A. R. Karve, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Southern Naval Command and District Collector of Ernakulam had briefed the Hon’ble Governor about the progress of rescue work & rehabilitation during his visit to Kochi.

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