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Subject: Identification of Old and Dilapidated Structures Likely to Endanger Life and Property

Due to the recent unprecedented incidents in various parts of the State regarding collapsed of old dilapidated buildings, particularly in densely populated or urbanising areas, a serious concern have been raised about public safety, risk of causing damage to life and property, especially during the monsoon season.

In accordance with Section 33 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, 'the District Authority may by order require any officer or any Department at the district level or any local authority to take such measures for the prevention or mitigation of disaster, or to effectively respond to it, as may be necessary, and such officer or department shall be bound to carry out such order'

Under sub section (k) of Section 34 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, states that "construct temporary bridges or other necessary structures and demolish structure which may be hazardous to public or aggravate the effect of the disaster"

As per above instructions laid down under Disaster Management Act, 2005, the District Disaster Management Authorities is empowered to take necessary preventive measures and remedial action for the purpose of assisting, protecting or providing relief to the community, in response to any threatening disaster situation or disaster and also authorized to give necessary directions to concerned authorities and local authorities at the district level to avert disaster risks, including structural collapses.

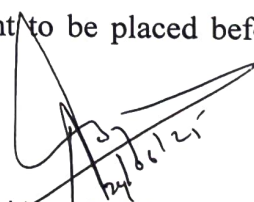
In the light of above, Collector(North)/Chairman, DDMA and Collector (South)/Chairman, DDMA are hereby directed to issue necessary instructions/

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orders to the concerned authorities at district level under Disaster Management Act, 2005 as per the following: :

1. **Undertake a comprehensive verification** within their jurisdictions to identify buildings/structures that are:
 - a) structurally unsound,
 - b) abandoned, or
 - c) otherwise unsafe for habitation or public use.
2. **Coordinate with the local bodies (Municipal Councils and Panchayats)** to obtain or update lists of such buildings within their jurisdictions.
3. **Issue necessary directions to local authorities to:**
 - a. Conduct structural safety assessments through competent technical personnel;
 - b. Issue notices to owners/occupants of dangerous buildings;
 - c. Take action such as barricading, evacuation, or demolition where required.
4. **In cases where local bodies do not act in a timely manner**, the Collectors may **invoke their powers under the Disaster Management Act, 2005** to initiate appropriate preventive or punitive action.

The compliance may be furnished to this department to be placed before the Government.


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To,
The Collector(North)/Chairman, DDMA and Collector (South)/Chairman, DDMA