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DRDO Extends Helping Hand in Relief Operations in J&K

A DRDO team equipped with medicines & other medical aid and ready-to-eat packaged foods was rushed to Srinagar, J&K on 9th September. Since then the team has been operating in mission mode to provide relief to the flood affected people in Srinagar. The doctors and other medical personnel in the team have been actively providing medical assistance to the local people. About 9 tonnes of Ready-to-Eat (RTE) packaged foods appealing to the local tastes was prepared and packaged on warfooting at Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) Mysore, a premier DRDO laboratory specializing in RTE food technologies for the armed forces, especially for remote areas. The food packets taken to Srinagar, with the support of Indian Air Force, have been distributed to affected people. Further quantities of food are being dispatched. The food includes hygienically packed, long shelf life RTE food that includes Chapattis, Vegetable Pulav, Tomato rice, Lemon rice, Zeera rice, Bengal gram, Dal fry, Khichry, Suzihalwa etc.

A Mobile Satellite Services terminal 'SATCOM' was airlifted to Srinagar on 9th evening and a link between a CRPF location near Srinagar Airport and MHA control room at New Delhi was made operational on 10th Sep 2014. To make the services available through mobile phones as well, a two-way direct-dialing facility using ground hub station set-up at DEAL, Dehradun was also made operational. The MSS 'SATCOM' terminal earlier developed by DRDO is being manufactured by BEL, Panchkula and is being used by the Indian Armed Forces.

Dr Avinash Chander, Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri and Secretary - Deptt of Defence R&D, expressing DRDO's commitment to extending all possible technology support in mitigating sufferings of flood effected people of J&K, said "DRDO technologies will always be available to the people of our country in the hour on need".

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