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New Delhi- 14 August, 2017 – Heavy and incessant rainfall has lashed Indo Nepal Border for last 03 days, swelling all major rivers, tributaries, seasonal Nallahs in the AoR of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), beyond danger mark. 117 out of the 629 BOPs established on Indo Nepal and Indo Bhutan Border are severely affected by the flood. In 21 BN SSB, Bagha, the heavy rain and flash floods triggered uprooting of many trees. One such tree fell on the Jawan barrack and unfortunately Constable (GD) Ajay Panchal resident of Baghpat(Uttar Pradesh) died on spot while 02 others suffered serious injuries. Despite the SSB locations being badly affected due to heavy floods, SSB personnel are rendering all possible help including medical facilities to the border population as several villages have been submerged with the flood water.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has proved again itself to be a Force with humanitarian face by working for humanity in adversity, when its newly raised/formed Rescue and Relief Teams (RRTs) of Frontier Siliguri rescued 45 locals stranded in floods with their livestock at West Santhali Bazar Busty under Kalichini block of Alipurduar district of West Bengal on 11th August 2017. The concerned District Magistrate and Block development officer of Alipurduar district who were also present, appreciated the work of RRT of SSB.

Similarly the Rescue and Relief Team of SSB Pithoragarh Sector have recovered 04(Four) dead bodies at Malpa Nallah. The Rescue and Relief Teams(RRT) had also rescued 04(four) Kumaon Scouts Jawans from Malpa and evacuated them to Dharchula. The Mangti Nallah and Malpa Nallah falls under the AOR (Area of operation) of 11th Bn SSB Didihat, where cloud burst occurred and as per reports 4 Army personnel and 03 civilians have been perished at Mangti, whereas 1 JCO &
07 Jawans of Army are still missing at Malpa. Rescue and Relief Team (RRT) of SSB are presently assisting at both the locations at Mangti Nallah and Malpa.

Rescue and Relief Teams of 56th Bn SSB Bathnaha extended all possible help to needy flood affected villages in the vicinity of Bathnaha Battalion. The SSB personnel rescued the flood affected villagers and accommodated them in battalion premises. Approximately 400 people had taken refuge in the campus of 56th Bn SSB Bathnaha. Similarly, RRTs of Lucknow FTR had rescued 10 personnel stranded on the rooftops and 02 persons on a tree at Halia Village of District Bhairaich, where river Rapti was on tide. The another Rescue and Relief Team had also carried out work at Nichloul and Thutabari of Maharajganj District on the requisition placed by concerned District Magistrates of Uttar Pradesh.

In a noble gesture, in Gorakhpur (U.P) after the unfortunate incident of death of 63 new born babies on 11.08.17, SSB personnel posted in Gorakhpur rushed to assist the medical authorities and help the people in distress.

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