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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Sub: NUSI Contribution to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, Kerala

We are all aware of the calamity which has struck the State of Kerala for the past few days due to heavy rainfall. It has resulted in unfortunate loss of precious lives and also large scale destruction. Thousands of people have been left without shelter. Even basic necessities like drinking water, food, clothing is not available.

The National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has sprung into action and many of our activists, NUSI Branch Offices, Seafarers Associations and individual seafarers themselves are on the ground helping the needy people and supporting the relief efforts of the government.

We had informed you that on the initiatives of NUSI, an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs) is being urgently contributed to the "**Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund**" in Kerala.

Today Bro. Vinay Pai, NUSI Kochi Branch Representative alongwith seafarers met Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala to hand the cheque of Rs. 10, 00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs) towards the relief fund.

We would also like to inform that individual seafarers who have suffered in this calamity can also approach NUSI. Such seafarers will be assisted by NUSI as per guidelines.

NUSI stands with all the affected people of State of Kerala in general and particularly our seafarers and their families. We hope and pray that normalcy returns and people get back to their normal lives soon.

Yours faithfully,

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