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The State of Kerala and its people have been facing the devastation and distress caused by the unprecedented flood situation, which has caused loss of hundreds of lives and damage to the property worth millions. Lakhs of people are displaced as well. A gigantic effort is required to be made on the part of countrymen for rehabilitation of the displaced people, involving reconstruction and repair of infrastructure, lost by the flood.

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court, feeling the pain and agony of the people of Kerala, as a humble gesture, immediately convened a meeting of Hon'ble Administrative Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, wherein it was resolved that one day salary of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Hon'ble Judges, Judicial Officers & staff members of the High Court and District Judiciary, will be contributed to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, Government of Kerala, for supporting the flood victims of the State. Hon'ble the Chief Justice has also made an appeal to the Bar Associations and other Senior Advocates to make contribution in support of the cause.

Joining in the efforts to provide aid to the post flood crisis to the Kerala, on the initiative taken by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court, Hon'ble Judges/Officers of the Registry and employees of High Court have voluntarily contributed their one day salary to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, Government of Kerala, which comes to Rs. 42,91,300/-.

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Similarly, acting on the appeal made by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court, Bar Association has also contributed Rs. 10 lacs for this noble purpose. A cheque to this effect has been presented by the President and Secretary of Bar Association to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

Senior Advocates of the Court have also contributed an amount of Rs. 13,60,500/-, out of which Rs. 1,00,000/- each has been contributed by Senior Advocates, Sri Gopal Swarup Chaturvedi & Sri Naveen Sinha.

The Judicial Officers and employees of the Subordinate Judiciary, so far, have contributed Rs. 1,43,61,956/-, while Rs. 20,84,420/-more contribution is expected from the end of employees and Judicial Officers of the remaining districts.

## In total an amount of more than Rs. 02 crores is expected to be raised on account of contribution made as above.

For the very first time, in the history of Hon'ble Court, on the call and efforts made by Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the entire legal fraternity comprising Hon'ble Judges, Bar Associations, Judicial Officers, Officers and Officials of the High Court and Subordinate Judiciary, have collectively shared the pain and agony of the victims of a natural disaster with such open heartedness.

Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Allahabad High Court, expresses his gratitude to all, those who contributed generously for the cause in response to His Lordship's appeal.

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