

## **APOCALYPSE STRUCK....**

**26th December, 2004** - 'apocalypse struck'. In a matter of moments, tens of thousands of people lost their lives in six countries across South Asia. The killer tsunami caused immense death and devastation. The official death toll figure has crossed two hundred thousand.

Our heart goes out to those people who have been torn apart from their near and dear ones, who have lost their means of livelihood, who have been rendered shelterless and for the children who have been mercilessly orphaned..... the loss is irreparable and inconsolable.

The widespread response pouring in gives us an indicator that humanitarian concern and fellow feeling is still alive. We salute all those who have gone out of their way to offer help - physical, financial and emotional.

As a humanitarian gesture, we the staff of Financial Management Service Foundation have decided to donate our one day's salary and have also made further contributions in order to support the victims. We urge all of you to come forward to lend a helping hand to the survivors of the terrible cataclysm.

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## **FC(R)A relaxed for TSUNAMI relief .....**

TSUNAMI has hit the world and the consequences would be unmeasurable. Government of India has relaxed the FC(R)A provisions so that organisations can receive foreign contribution for TSUNAMI relief in cash or kind without obtaining a formal approval from Central Government upto 31st March, 2005. The following steps need to be taken in this regard. As per notification no 11/21022/11(19)2004-FC(R)A dated 30th December 2004.

- (1) Organisation to open a new bank account for this purpose.
- (2) The account would be designated as " TSUNAMI RELIEF ACCOUNT".
- (3) The contributions may be received in the above designated bank account.
- (4) The organisation would maintain a separate set of accounts and records in respect of Foreign Contribution received in the above mentioned designated bank account.
- (5) The organisation submits particulars in "FORM FC 1A" to the ministry of Home Affairs within one week of opening of such Bank Account.
- (6) The organisations submits FC-3 and FC-6 (in respect of articles) regularly within the due date in the prescribed manner with Ministry of Home Affairs.

It may be clarified that those organisations who already have regular registration under FC(R)A can receive Foreign Contributions in their existing designated bank account and need not go for the above procedure.

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