## Government of Jammu & Kashmir Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

Subject:

Payment of ex-gratia relief for deaths/injuries caused to the human life on account of man-animal conflict cases.

Ref:

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of State Board for Wildlife held at Srinagar on 17-09-2013 issued vide endorsement No. WLP/SBWL/II/6/2013/ 349-70 dated 09-11-2013.

Government Order No.

244 - FST of 2014

Dated

23 -07-2014.

Sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of ex-gratia relief on account of death/injury caused to human life by wild animals during man-animal conflicts with the following descriptions:-

S.No	Category of cases	Rate of ex-gratia relief
a	Death	Rs. 3,00,000/-
	Permanent disability (handicapness of 40% or more)	Rs. 3,00,000/-
b	Grievous Injury (an injury which may not result in permanent disability but requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours for recovering from the injury)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
С	Minor Injury (an injury which is of First Aid nature or which does not require hospitalization for duration more than 48 hours)	Cost of treatment upto Rs.15,000/=

The grant of compensation as referred above shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. Production of postmortem report in case of death; certificate in case of grievous injury, partial and permanent disability and prescription slip as well as verification of actual cost of medical treatment in case of simple injury from the concerned Block Medical Officer.
- ii. Copy of First Information Report (FIR) of incident from Police Department.
- iii. Photographs of killed/injured person(s) duly attested by the Police/Medical Officers or Wildlife Warden as the case may be.
- iv. The scrutiny of compensation cases dully recommended by the Regional Wildlife Wardens concerned shall be conducted by the committee under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests (Eco-tourism) comprising of following members:
  - a) Wildlife Warden Headquarter.
  - b) Accounts Officer.
  - c) Wildlife Prosecutor
  - d) Section Officer



- v. The claims/recommendations found genuine during scrutiny shall be finally approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/Chief Wildlife Warden.
- vi. All Wildlife Wardens shall release 10% of the amount of relief prescribed for human loss/permanent and partial disability/grievous injury on receipt of reports as interim relief immediately to the family of the deceased/injured person(s) after due verification in anticipation of formal sanction without delay. The balance amount will be released after receipt of the complete relief claim.
- vii. All cases of loss of human life/injury caused by the wild animals should be reported by the NoK's of killed/injured person(s) to the nearest police station within a weeks time and in no case later than one month. The claim can be filed with the Wildlife Warden concerned either at the place where the loss caused by wild animals occurred/reported or where the applicant resides. All time barred cases shall be sent to government for approval.
- viii. The relief shall be disbursed to the next-of-kin of the deceased or to the injured person(s) on production of the certificate from the Assistant Commissioner (Revenue)/Tehsildar concerned.
- ix. This order shall supersede all orders/communications from the government on the subject and shall be applicable in respect of deaths/injuries occured on or after 17-9-2013 i.e., the date of decision taken in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of State Board for Wildlife.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department conveyed vide their U.O. No.FD-VII-21(03)WL-I dated 1-7-2014

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Sd/-(Muhammad Afzal) IAS Secretary to Government Department of Forest, E&E

Dated: 23-07-2014.

No: FST/WL/38/2009

Copy to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.

- 2. PCCF (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K Govt., Srinagar.
- 3. OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Forests for information of the Hon'ble Forest Minister.
- 4. Private Secretary to Hon'ble MOS Forest for information of the Hon'ble Minister.
- 5. Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Forest Department.
- 6. Government order file.
- 7. Stock file (w.3.s.c)

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Under Secretary to Government Department of Forest, E&E