

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department
Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject: Enhancement of ex-gratia relief to the victims of human-wildlife conflict.

Reference: (i) Minutes of the 4th meeting of the Wildlife Board for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir held at Srinagar on 06.06.2023, issued vide endorsement No.WLP/Tech/2023/274-98, dated 16.06.2023.

(ii) Letter No. CWW-Estb/114/2023-03/692, dated 20.06.2023, from PCCF(WL)/Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K.

Government Order No.: 139-JK(FST) of 2023

Dated: 28 /06/2023

In supersession of Government Order No. 244-FST of 2014, dated 23.07.2014, sanction is hereby accorded to enhancement of ex-gratia relief on account of death/incapacitation/ injury caused to human life by wild animals during man-animal conflicts. The revised rate of ex-gratia relief now payable to the victims shall be as per the following description:

S.No	Category of cases	Rate of ex-gratia relief
(a)	Death Permanent incapacitation	Rs. 5,00,000/-
(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. 2,00,000/-
(c)	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.25,000/-

It is further ordered that the grant of compensation/ex-gratia relief 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 statement 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 concerned Police Station.
- iii. Photographs of killed/injured person(s) duly attested by the Police /Medical Officer or Wildlife Warden as the case may be.
- iv. The Scrutiny of compensation/ex-gratia relief cases, duly recommended by the Regional Wildlife Warden concerned, shall be conducted by a committee under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests (Eco-Tourism), comprising of the following members:-
 - a. Wildlife Warden (Headquarter).
 - b. Accounts Officer in the Office of the Chief Wildlife Warden

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- c. Wildlife Prosecutor
- d. Section Officer of the Office of the Chief Wildlife Warden.
- 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 week's 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 / was 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 be applicable in respect of deaths/injuries occurred on or after 06.06.2023, i.e., the date of the 4th meeting of the Wildlife Board for Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, wherein the decision *w.r.t.* the enhancement of the ex-gratia relief was taken.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Dheeraj Gupta) IAS,

Principal Secretary to the Government

Dated: 28/06/2023

No.FST-WL/22/2023-02 (CC No. 7224924)

Copy to the:-

1. Principal Secretary to the Government, Finance Department
2. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K.
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K.
6. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
7. Director Finance, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
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