

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

FORESTS – Wild Life – Payment of Compensation for loss of Life or Injury to Human Life and Cattle killed due to attack of Wild Animals – Enhancement of amount – Modified – Orders – Issued

ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.112

Dated : 3rd August, 1998

Read the following : -

- 1 G.O.Ms.No.51, EFS & T (For.III) Dept., Dt 11-03-1992
- 2 G.O.Ms.No.100, EFS & T (For.III) Dept., Dt 06-05-1993
- 3 High Court Orders Dt 13-11-1995 in W.P.No.17746/88
- 4 Rept. From the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Civil Liberties Committee, Chittoor District, 355, Balaji Colony, Tirupathi
- 5 From the Prl.CCF, AP, Hyderabad Ref. NO. 373/95/WL3, Dt 09-08-1996 & 24-05-1997
- 6 G.O.Ms.No.130, EFS & T (For.III) Dept., Dt 08-10-1997
- 7 From the Prl.CCF, AP, Hyderabad Ref No.53105/93/WL3, Dt 18-02-1998

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ORDER :-

In the G.Os 1st and 2nd read above, orders were issued fixing the extent of compensation payable to the victims and farmers whose crop has been damaged due to Wild Life Attack. The contents of which in brief are as follows:

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PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA

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| 1 | Loss of Life | : | Rs. 20,000/- |
| 2 | Injuries to victims | : | Rs. 1/3 rd of item (1) above in the case of grievous injury and cost of treatment of the injury is minor |
| 3 | Crops damage | : | Damage to house or crop or any other property. As per assessment of damage, compensation should be revised subsequently to bring it on par with the amount admissible to riot victims or for natural calamities or as fixed by Revenue Department. The quantum of compensation may be reviewed periodically with a view to bring it on par with any better norm. |
| 4 | Cattle Killed | : | Market value as fixed by Animal Husbandry Department |

2. Government made all these provisions during the year 1992. Since then there has been persistent demand from various Public Organizations to enhance the amount of compensation for the damage caused by the Wild Animals. There has been also a demand to simplify and rationalize the procedure for payment of compensation.

3. In the reference 5th & 7th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has submitted proposals in super session of the orders already issued in the G.O.Ms.No.51, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.III) Department, Dt 06-05-1993 and G.O.Ms.No.130, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.III) Department, Dt 08-10-1997.

4. After careful consideration and in super session of the orders issued in the Government Orders 1st, 2nd & 6th read above, Government approve the revised proposals for repayment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human lives and cattle killed due to attack of Tigers or other Wild Animals in the State, as specified in the rules in Appendix-I, II, III & IV to this order.

5. The expenditure on this account shall be debitable to the following Head of Account :

“2406	-	Forestry & Wild Life
02	-	Environmental Forestry & Wild Life
MH 110	-	Wild Life Preservation
SH(07)	-	Payment of compensation for loss of life or injury to human lives and cattle killed due to attack of Wild Animals
260	-	Other Charges
262	-	Other Expenditure

6. The Conservator of Forests / Deputy Chief Wild Life Warden and in certain cases as specified in the appendices the Divisional Forest Officer / the Wild Life Warden having jurisdiction over the area is authorized to incur expenditures under the above head of account. He is also authorized to incur expenditure under the above head of account in relaxation of treasury control orders pending provision of funds either by way of re-appropriation of savings available within the grant or by obtaining supplementary grant as the case may be during the current financial year.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take necessary action for providing funds in the budget under the above head of accounts. He is also requested to render accounts to the Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for the expenditure incurred through cheques under the above head of account.

8. this order is issued with the concurrence of Finance & Planning (FW.Exp. EFES&T) Department vide their U.O.No.27280/161/EBS-IV/EFS&T/98, Dated 25-07-1998.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.S.RANGACHARI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad
The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad
The Chief Wild Life Warden, O/o Prl.CCF, AP, Hyderabad
The Pay & Accounts Officer, AP, Hyderabad

Copy to :

1. All Collectors
2. Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi
3. The Secretary, AP Civil Liberties Committee, Chittoor District 355 – Balaji Colony, Tirupathi
4. Director, AP State Office, World Wide Fund for Nature, India Block-2, Flat-4, Vijayanagar Colony, Hyderabad
5. SF/SF

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APPENDIX-I

RULES FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO CATTLE KILLED

BY CARNIVORES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The financial assistance as compensation for death of domestic cattle (which term includes buffaloes, bullocks, bulls, cows, sheep and their young ones but does not include goats & camels) killed by a carnivore which term for the purpose of this rule includes, Hyena, Wolf, Wild Dog, Bear, Panther, Crocodile and Tiger shall be given subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (1) Compensation will be payable when any cattle is killed by carnivore. No compensation shall however be paid for migratory cattle killed inside the sanctuary.
- (2) Information regarding the kill of a cattle by a Carnivore should be given to the nearest Forest Officer by the owner within 72 hours i.e. (3 days) of the killing
- (3) Under no circumstances the kill be shifted from the place where it was killed or found left by the carnivore till it is inspected by a Forest Officer, not below the rank of a Forest Guard.
- (4) The incident of cattle killed by a carnivore should be certified by a Forest Officer not below the rank of Forester who will verify the age, general health and also estimate the value of the cattle killed.
- (5) The amount of compensation shall be the market value of the cattle killed as assessed by Livestock Inspector or Veterinary Officer or Village Sarpanch as per availability.
- (6) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer / wild Life Warden / Assistant Conservator of Forests or Divisional Forest Officer (Anti Poaching Squad) Assistant Director (Project Tiger) in whose jurisdiction the cattle kill has occurred shall sanction the compensation to the owner of the cattle killed.
- (7) The full compensation can be paid in cash/draft/cheque as desired by the villager in the presence of two local panchas.

APPENDIX-II

RULES FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA FOR INJURY OR TO LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO ATTACK BY CARNIVORES IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE

Ex-gratia will be payable towards injury or loss of human life by any wild animal except snakes and monkeys in the State on fulfillment of the following conditions:

- (1) Spot inspections should be done preferably within 2 days if it is loss of life, by a Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Range Officer or by a Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector
- (2) A Medical Certificate as to the cause of injury or loss of life will be necessary from a Government Doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon, in respect of such happening
- (3) The ex-gratia granted will be paid to the person injured or to the legal heir in the case of death of the person
- (4) The maximum limit of ex-gratia in an individual case shall not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/- in case of loss of human life. Half of the amount shall be paid in cash through Demand Draft and remaining shall be paid through long term deposits. Funeral charges of Rs. 1000/- shall be paid on the same day by the Divisional Forest Officer / Forest Range Officer which will be deducted from the ex-gratia sanctioned.
- (5) In case of grievous injury an amount of Rs. 20,000/- shall be paid for the following:
 - (a) Total permanent disablement resulting in disqualification to continue in any avocation
 - (b) Grievous hurt falling within section 320 of the Indian Penal Code
 - (i) Emasculation
 - (ii) Permanent privation of sight of either eye
 - (iii) Privation of any member of joint of the body
 - (iv) Destruction or permanent impairing of powers of any member of joint of the body
 - (v) Permanent disfiguration of face or head
- (6) In case of minor injury the actual cost of treatment shall be paid on production of medical bill certified by a Government Doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon.

However in case of injury or hospitalization of the victim, advance payment upto a maximum of Rs. 1000/- to be paid by the Divisional Forests Officer / Wild Life Warden having jurisdiction over the area in consultation with the hospital authorities to be adjusted in final payment.

APPENDIX-III

RULES FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA FOR DAMAGES TO HOUSES OR CROP OR ANY OTHER PROPERTY DUE TO ATTACK BY THE WILD ANIMAL

The compensation for damage to house or crop or any other property shall be paid as follows:

- (a) Damage to house or property : The actual value as assessed by the Mandal Revenue Officer concerned
- (b) The damages caused to crop the compensation shall be paid as follows:
 - (i) The damage caused to agricultural crop other than paddy and sugarcane be paid upto Rs.

1000/- per acre

- (ii) The compensation for the damages caused to paddy crop be paid upto Rs. 2000/- per acre if entire crops is damaged
- (iii) The compensation for the damage caused to sugarcane crop may be paid upto Rs. 2500/- per acre if entire crop is damaged
- (iv) The compensation for the damage caused to grown up mango trees and coconut trees may be paid upto Rs. 200/- per tree for total damage of trees
- (v) Damage to horticulture crops like banana and citrus fruit trees, be compensated based on the assessment of Revenue Officials.

APPENDIX-IV

REWARDS TO INFORMANTS OF DEATH OF SCHEDULE ANIMALS

Persons giving information on death of Wild Animals including in schedules to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 with their amendments, from time to time shall be rewarded as follows:

1	Information on death of Tiger, Panther and Elephant leading to discovery of the dead body	:::	Rs. 500/- each case
2	Information leading to recovery of dead body of Tiger or Panther due to poisoning	:::	Rs. 2000/- each case
3	Information leading to apprehension of offenders in cases of hunting / trapping	:::	Rs. 5000/- each case
4	Information leading to apprehension and arrest of culprit in case of elephants	:::	Rs. 1000/- each case
5	Information leading to arrest of culprit in case of other animals included in schedules listed under the Wild Life (P) Act, 1972	:::	Rs. 200/- each case
6	Information leading to detection of trade in Tiger skins / Bones and vital organs	:::	Rs.10,000/- each case

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