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Read:-Notification No. 7-5-2005/FOR/310 dated 14-08-2012.

NOTIFICATION

In supersession of Notification No. 7-5-2005/FOR/310 dated 14-08-2012, the Government of Goa is pleased to revise the “Scheme for grant of compensation on account of loss of human life, permanent disability or injury and/or damage to cattle or property caused by Wild Animals” herein after called “Compensation for damage by wild animals” in order to simplify the procedure for determination and timely disbursement of appropriate compensation to the affected person(s). The term ‘Wild Animal’ will be as defined in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, (Central Act 53 of 1972).

2. The compensation for damage by wild animals for causing death/ injury to human and loss to cattle/damage to property will be determined and paid based on the terms and conditions and the rates as mentioned below.

Table- I

The rate of compensation on account of loss of human life or permanent disability or injury caused by wild animals

S. No.	Injury/ loss to human life	Compensation
1.	Ex-gratia payment for death / injury to human life	
(a)	Death	Rs.10,00,000/-
(b)	permanent disability (viz. loss of limb, eye, etc.)	Rs.5,00,000/-
(c)	Injury other than permanent disability	Rs.1,00,000/-, or the entire cost of treatment whichever is less

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Table- II

The rate of compensation for loss of cattle or damage to property caused by wild animals

	Loss of cattle/ property	Maximum Compensation*
2.	Death of cattle	
(a)	Calf	Rs. 10,000/-
(b)	Local cow / buffalo / bullock	Rs. 25,000/-
(c)	Jersey Cow	Rs. 50,000/-
(d)	Pig / Sheep / Goat	Rs. 5,000/-
3.	Injury to cattle	Rs.15,000/-, or as per actual assessment, whichever is less
4.	Damage to House/ other property	Rs. 25,000/- or actual assessment, whichever is less

Note: * The amount of actual compensation to be paid should take into account factors listed at para 4 (vi) below and in no case should exceed the maximum amount notified in the table-II of the notification.

3. In respect of any other item not mentioned above, the DCF concerned shall decide the amount on merit after examining the case submitted by the RFO.

4. The procedure for assessment of amount of loss / damage and grant of compensation-

- (i) The Compensation for attack on human being by wild animal will be admissible to bonafide residents of the area/ authorized visitors only if the incident has taken place inside any of the Wildlife Sanctuaries or National Parks. For attack outside Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park, the compensation shall be available to any person. However, in case of attack on cattle, the compensation shall be available even if the cattle was killed/ attacked inside Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park.
- (ii) The cases of compensation shall be dealt by concerned Park Manager/ Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) (Wildlife & Eco-tourism) and the Range Forest Officer (RFO) (Wildlife) in case the incident has taken place within Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park or within Eco-Sensitive Zone of that particular Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park. For cases occurring beyond Eco Sensitive Zone, concerned DCF (Territorial) and the RFO (Territorial) shall deal the case.

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- (iii) The investigation in the incidence of attack by wild animal shall be initiated as early as possible by concerned RFO on receipt of the information. For the purpose of assessment of the loss/damage caused to the livestock/other property such as house, huts, livestock sheds etc., the applicant should report the claim to the nearest RFO of the Wildlife Division/ Territorial Division, as the case may be, within 3 days of the incident. The RFO shall forward the same immediately to the DCF alongwith his/her report and Damage Assessment Report from Veterinary Officer (in case of cattle etc.) / Assistant Engineer, PWD (in case of house and other property).
- (iv) In cases of loss of human life, concerned DCF shall investigate the case and arrange to obtain the post mortem report from the Authorized Medical Officer and on satisfying on genuineness of the claim shall arrange to pay the compensation to affected person(s) within maximum 3 working days after receipt of post-mortem report. The compensation for loss of human life shall be granted in the following order of preference to:
- (a) Wife or husband, as the case may be.
 - (b) Sons, unmarried or divorced daughters (equal share).
 - (c) Daughters (equal share).
 - (d) Grand children being children of sons or daughters (equal share).
 - (e) Father or mother.
 - (f) In case of any dispute as per the succession certificate issued by the competent authority.
- (v) In case of death of cattle suspected to be caused by wild animals, the owner of the cattle shall submit the claim to the RFO alongwith the post-mortem report from the concerned Government Veterinary Officer within 3 days. The concerned nearest Veterinary Officer shall visit the site within 48 hours of the receipt of complaint and furnish certificate to the owner mentioning loss in Rupees taking various parameters mentioned at (vi) below.
- (vi) The maximum amount of compensation to the owner/owners of the cattle due to the attack by wild animal has been given in Table-II. For determining the actual compensation payable in case of death or injury of cattle caused by wild animals, RFO shall record his finding that the death of the live-stock / cattle was entirely due to the attack by wild animal and not due to any other reason. The RFO shall record following information/ details in the report: —
- a) Age of the animal.
 - b) Milk yield of the animal in case of female.
 - c) Maintenance cost of the animal by the owner.
 - d) Quantity of the animal dropping.

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- e) Health of the animal or its disease status.
- f) Life history and productive capacity of the animal etc.

****Cattle** include cow (including cross-bred cow), bullock, buffalo, calf, pig, goat, sheep, etc.

- (vii) In cases of loss or injury of cattle/ damage to property, concerned DCF shall investigate the case and on satisfying on genuineness of the claim, shall arrange to pay the compensation to affected person(s) within maximum 3 working days after receipt of post-mortem report.

5. The expenditure shall be debitable under the appropriate Scheme/Head of Account of the Forest Department and arranged to be paid by the DCF/ Divisional Head.

6. To ensure immediate disbursement of compensation, an interest-bearing account dedicated for **"Wildlife Compensation Fund"** shall be opened under Goa Forest Development Corporation with initial corpus of Rs. 25 lakh. For this purpose, the Government shall provide fund from the appropriate budget- head of Forest Department or otherwise, which shall be recouped from time to time. This Wildlife Compensation Fund may also receive donation from corporate houses/societies.

7. After receipt of recommendations and sanction from concerned DCF, the Goa Forest Development Corporation shall affect the payment immediately in not more than 2 days from the **'Wildlife Compensation Fund'** to the affected party as recommended by DCF concerned.

8. DCF shall report all cases of loss/ damage by wild animals and payment of compensation to the Chief Wildlife Warden within three days of payment of compensation. The cases where time limits are exceeded due to any unforeseen circumstance, the same should be brought to the notice of the Chief Wildlife Warden.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U. O. No. 1400070882 dated 20-04-2020.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa


(Shaila G. Bhosle)

Under Secretary (Forests)

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