

Procedure for Processing application Form for claiming Ex-gratia Compensation due to Wildlife Depredation.

The Government of West Bengal has notified the matter of enhancement of payment of compensation for the loss of life and property due to depredation by wild animals vide their G.O. No. 195-For/11M-95/2011(Pt-I) date 30.01.2015. The details procedure for claiming ex-gratia compensation due to wildlife depredation & its processing are given below:-

1. Eligibility for claiming Ex-gratia compensation:

A person who is affected by the attack of wildlife as specified in the above Government order & whose crop and/or house is damaged by wild animal and if any domestic animal is injured/died due to wild animal attack is eligible for claiming ex-gratia compensation.

2. Whom to apply:

Apply to the local Beat-Officer in the prescribed format downloading from website. Application Form may also be collected from the nearest Range-Office or Beat-Office.

3. Submission of Application:

- a.i. The person affected by wildlife has to apply in the prescribed Form for claiming of Ex-gratia compensation due to wildlife depredation. The Form can be downloaded from website or collected from nearest Range-Office or Beat-Office.
- a.ii. The application has to be filled up giving land details (Mouza, J.L. No., Plot No., Khatian No.& area of crop damage), house details, details of human death & domestic animal death, whichever is applicable, along with Bank details (Name of account holder, Account No, IFSC No., Bank name & Branch name).
- a.iii. The filled in application Form should be signed by the applicant & submitted to the nearest Beat-Office.

4. Field Enquiry:

- a.i. On receipt of the application Form, the Beat-Officer will fix a date of enquiry and informed the applicant accordingly well in advance to be present in the spot of enquiry at the specified date & time along with land details, Porcha (R-O-R) and show to the enquiry team in the field.
- a.ii. Enquiry will be completed as early as possible, maximum within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application.
- a.iii. Inquiry Officer may invite local panchayet member to be present during the enquiry.
- a.iv. The Beat-Officer will send his enquiry report with comments to the Karmadhakhaya, Ban-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samity of the concerned Panchayet samity for his recommendation.
- v. After Karmadhakhaya's recommendation, the application will come to Range-Officer. Range-Officer will sort out the applications Bank branch-wise and Post-Office wise & and make separate bunch and send to DFO for making arrangement for payment.

5. Mode of Payment :

- a.i. Finally the application will be sent by Range Officer to the DFO for sanction & payment.
- a.ii. On receipt of applications, DFO will sanction the payment amount & send the bills to the Treasury for payment to the affected persons in their account.