

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI -6

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 6th January, 2021

No.RGR.785/2014/91: The Governor of Assam is pleased to introduce **“REHABILITATION POLICY FOR EROSION AFFECTED FAMILIES OF ASSAM, 2020”** to rehabilitate erosion affected families across the State.

A. Background:

Assam is perennially affected by flood and erosion rendering a large number of people homeless and landless because of which they are forced to live on embankments, roadsides, educational institutions, religious organizations, char or forest lands, Govt. Khas lands, VGRs, PGRs etc. Since erosion is not covered under the guidelines of SDRF, the rehabilitation of these people has remained unattended. Rehabilitation Policy of Erosion Affected Families of Assam, 2020 intended assist the erosion affected families financially.

A fund of Rs 500.00 Lakh has been provided for the purpose as Grants-in-Aid under Plan in the Budget allocation of ASDMA for 2014-15 vide letter No. RGR.785/2014/11 dated 24th March, 2015. But, the fund couldn't be utilized as there was no concrete provision in earlier guidelines notified vide letter No. RGR.785/2014/6 dated 12th March, 2015.

Further, 15th Finance Commission in its recommendation has suggested resettlement of displaced people affected by river erosion and mentioned that both Union and State Governments should develop a policy to deal with the extensive displacement of people caused by coastal and river erosion. In this regard, to implement this policy, an allocation of Rs 200 Cr for 2020-21 to address the issue of displacement at the State level across India. Moreover, the State Governments shall submit specific proposals for assistance to resettle displaced people. Such assistance should be made available through the resources available from the recovery and reconstruction window of the NDRF. Such resettlement should ensure safer sites for the people being resettled.

In this backdrop, it has become necessary to have a specific policy dealing with the issue and formulate norms and procedure to address rehabilitation of erosion affected families across the State.

B. Criteria for selection of Beneficiaries:

(1) This Rehabilitation Policy shall only cover the erosion affected but not families under any other natural calamities or man-made disasters.

(2) The erosion-affected families (river-erosion) would be categorized as follows:

Category I - Families who have lost all their lands, both homestead and agricultural land, due to erosion and they have no other land anywhere in the State;

Category II - Families who have lost their homestead land, and not agricultural lands;

Category III - Families who have lost their all agricultural lands, but have homestead lands.

(3) Identification of beneficiary families, therefore, in order of priority shall be as follows:

- (i) Families rendered landless and homeless due to river erosion;
 - (ii) Families rendered homeless only due to river erosion;
 - (iii) Families left with less than 3 Bighas of agricultural land, but has not been rendered homeless;
- (4) The definition of landless person/ family will be as per the Land Policy in force.
- (5) Eligibility for consideration, as beneficiary:
- i) Families should have the eroded lands recorded in their names in the Record- Of- Rights, as either P.P. or A.P. land or allotted land.
 - ii) Families occupying Govt. lands as encroachers shall not be eligible for rehabilitation.

C. Rehabilitation Package:

1. Rehabilitation package for the aforesaid categories of erosion-affected families from 2014-15 onwards shall as follows:

i) For the **Category I** of families as mentioned above, who are rendered landless completely and become homeless by erosion,

- (a) An amount of Rs. 5.00 Lakh per Bigha or the actual land value as per zonal valuation, whichever is less, for purchase of land upto 2.5 (Two and half) Kathas only, on their own for subsequent construction of house.
- (b) A cash amount of Rs. 1,50,000.00 (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) for construction of house and IHHL,
- (c) Financial assistance of Rs 1.00 Lakh per Bigha, or actual cost of the land, whichever is less, for purchase of land, maximum upto 3(Three) Bighas, on their own for agricultural purpose only.

ii) For the **Category II** families, as mentioned above, who have lost their homestead land. and not agricultural land,

- (a) An amount of Rs. 5.00 Lakh per Bigha or the actual land value as per zonal valuation, whichever is less, for purchase of land upto 2.5 (Two and half) Kathas only, on their own for subsequent construction of house.
- (b) A cash amount of Rs. 1,50,000.00 (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only) for construction of house and IHHL

iii) For the **Category III** families as mentioned above, who have lost their all agricultural lands, but have homestead lands,

Financial assistance of Rs 1.00 Lakh per Bigha, or actual cost of the land, whichever is less, for purchase of land, maximum upto 3(Three) Bighas, on their own for agricultural purpose only.

2. This Rehabilitation package would not be applicable in case of families having any member of the family as a permanent Govt./ Semi-Govt./PSU/ Banking or other financial institutions/ Private Organization employee drawing annual salary in excess of

Rs. 5.00 Lakh or whose annual income/turnover from business or other source of income exceeds Rs.5.00 Lakh per annum.

3. If any of the erosion affected families has received any allotment of Government land earlier under any other scheme, they shall not be entitled to financial assistance under this scheme.

D. Procedure for Selection of Beneficiaries:

- The erosion affected person shall submit an application to the concerned Circle officer.
 - The Circle officer shall verify the details submitted by the applicant with the revenue records and also through the field verification by the Lot Mandal.
 - The Circle Officer will compile the applications and submit a proposal, along with verification reports to the Deputy Commissioner.
- a) The proposals received from the Revenue Circles will be placed before a District Level Committee Chaired by the Deputy Commissioner.

District Level Committee:

(i) Deputy Commissioner	----	Chairperson/Chairperson
(ii) All M.P.s / M.L.A.s	-----	Member
(iii) President, Zilla Paishad	-----	Member
(iv) SDO (Civil)/SDO (Sadar)	-----	Member
(v) All Revenue Circle Officers	-----	Member
(vi) District Agriculture Officer	-----	Member
(vii) ADC (Revenue)	-----	Member-Secretary

b) The District Level Committee will examine the proposals, received from the Circle Officers and finalize the list of beneficiaries. Approved list of beneficiaries with recommendation for financial assistance under this policy along with other details will be submitted to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) by the Deputy Commissioners.

c) The lists received from the Districts will be examined and compiled by ASDMA and place the same before the State Executive Committee for its approval.

d) The SEC constituted for SDRF will function as the SEC for this scheme too.

e) With the approval of SEC, the necessary financial sanctions will be issued by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department.

f) The financial assistance to the beneficiaries, as approved by the SEC and sanctioned by the Revenue Department, shall be released to the Deputy Commissioners in advance for payment to beneficiaries on application.

g) The Revenue and Disaster Management Department shall make arrangement for availability of funds and necessary budget provisions for implementation of the policy.

h) The Deputy Commissioners shall have to open a separate Bank account to keep and utilize the funds under this policy.

i) After the financial sanction issued the funds shall be released to the Deputy Commissioners in advance.

E. Procedure for purchase of Land:

a) Once financial sanction is received from the Government, the Deputy Commissioner shall intimate the beneficiaries so that they can make arrangement for purchase of land.

b) The beneficiary will purchase land within the District where he / she belongs to.

c) The beneficiary shall submit application for purchase after identifying land on his / her own for building of house or land for agriculture purpose or both (where applicable) in prescribed format with declaration landless and bank details, IFSC Code, Mobile No. etc., at office of Revenue Circle Officer. Moreover, the said application should be made jointly by both the seller & buyer and shall submit as joint application for purchase of land at the office of the Revenue Circle Officer.

d) On receipt of the application, Revenue Circle Officer will submit the proposal of NOC for Land Sale Permission within a month from the date of application to the concerned Deputy Commissioner for necessary approval.

e) After approval of NOC for Land Sale Permission from the Deputy Commissioner, the amount for purchase of land for building house or land for agriculture purpose or both (where applicable) shall sanction and release to the buyer's (beneficiary) account through NEFT / DBT within a week.

f) The buyer and seller shall immediately execute registration of the transfer of land following due procedure in the jurisdictional Sub-Registrar's Office.

g) After execution of the registered sale deed, the same will be submitted by the beneficiary to the Circle officer for correction of land records.

h) In the Record of Rights (RoR), the name of all family members of the beneficiary family shall be entered.

i) The copy of the registered sale deed and the copy of RoR may be submitted to Deputy Commissioner, with an application to release the money for construction of the house.

j) The beneficiary will submit an affidavit to the Deputy Commissioner mentioning that the fund intended for construction of house on the purchased land will be used for construction of house only.

k) On receipt of the above documents at (e) & (f), the Deputy Commissioner shall release the amount for construction of the house (where applicable) in the land purchased within a month.

1) The land purchased by the beneficiary under this Rehabilitation Policy shall not be transferable at least fifteen years from the date of purchase.

m) The Revenue Circle Officer will submit individual report against the beneficiaries to the Deputy Commissioner and maintain records of beneficiaries rehabilitated under this scheme and also upload in the MIS of Revenue & DM Department.

F. Review and Monitoring Committee at State Level:

A State Level Review and Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, will be constituted to monitor the implementation of the policy as follows

Chief Secretary	-----	Chairman
Addl. Chief Secretary, Revenue and DM	-----	Member
Principal Secretary, Agriculture	-----	Member
Principal Secretary, P& RD	-----	Member
CEO, ASDMA	-----	Member Secretary

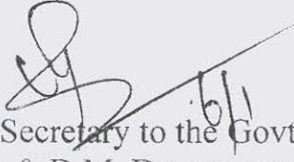
G. Administrative Cost:

An amount equivalent to 3% of the total cost of the scheme will be earmarked for the administrative expenses, including printing of forms, publicity, etc.

H. Source of Fund:

To implement this policy, Rs 200 Crore for 2020-21 has been allocated by the Central Govt. to address the issue of displacement at the State Level as recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission at Para XV (f) under "Resettlement of Displaced People Affected by Coastal and River Erosion". In this regard, the State Government will submit specific proposals for assistance to NDMA to resettle displaced people on receipt of proposals from the concerned Deputy Commissioners. The fund required in this case will not be borne under SOPD-G.

The Rehabilitation Policy for Erosion Affected Families of Assam, 2020 will address those aggrieved families who are rendered landless, homeless or lost their homestead land or agricultural land due to erosion.


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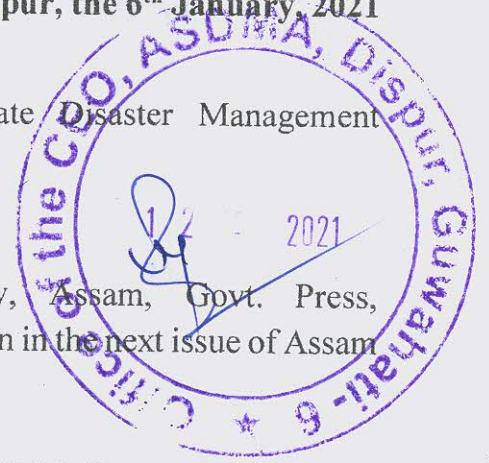
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By order etc.,

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