

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

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Dispur, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

Further, 15<sup>th</sup> 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

