

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Land and Land Reforms Department**  
Land Acquisition Wing

**O R D E R**

**G.O.No.1706-LA-3M-07/06**

**Dated the 6<sup>st</sup> June, 2006**

**Whereas**, it is expedient in the urgent public interest to introduction of bare minimum **mandatory financial assistance for resettlement and rehabilitation to evicted BPL families anywhere** and to provide a better package to them if evictions take place in any present or prospective township development and industrial-complex development projects, on account of compulsory acquisition of land, as such public policy was duly approved by the State Cabinet in it's meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2006, the Governor is hereby pleased to order for strict compliance of the State Policy to provide some specified bare minimum Resettlement and Rehabilitation packages [henceforth to be mentioned as RR package] to ensure that the BPL families, if evicted on account of compulsory acquisition of land, do get **mandatory** financial assistance for their shifting to new place of settlement and constructing their own dwelling house/living shelter, **and** to provide a further better package to them if eviction takes place in any on-going and forthcoming township development projects or industrial-complex development projects including infrastructure development projects, so that taking peaceful possession of the acquired land becomes possible for time-bound completion of LA proceedings and thereby saving huge LA costs.

2. The RR package approved by the State Government shall apply only to such projects as taken up by the State Government of West Bengal, its sub-ordinate offices, undertakings, Development Authorities, local bodies or a joint venture or any State Government-planned and sponsored private sector projects taken up in the State of West Bengal.

**3. Application of mandatory RR package:-** In case of any project taken up by any of the authorities specified in para 2 above, except in those LA cases specified in para 4 below, the basic and bare minimum mandatory RR package shall have to be provided to each BPL family evicted on account of compulsory acquisition of land. The mandatory RR package shall have two components as narrated below :-

**(a) An one-time cash assistance of Rs.2000/- per BPL family** as transportation or trans-shipment cost to carry away their family belongings, viz. cattle, utensils, all removable materials from his left-out house and homestead ;

**(b) An one-time cash assistance to each BPL family to help them to construct their own dwelling house or a living shelter,** at the rate prescribed below :-

[i] BPL families evicted from it's own homestead which had a pukka structure which shall mean and include all mud-houses, wooden houses or brick houses having tiles or tin shed or RCC slab as roof..... = **Rs.25,000/-**

[ii] BPL families evicted from it's dwelling house/shelter/shed, being kuccha structure which shall mean and include any type of hut,dowelling shelter,Jhupri, used for physical residence of the family either at his **own land or homestead** ..... = **Rs.15,000/-**

[iii] BPL families evicted from it's dwelling house/shelter/shed, madeof kuccha structure which shall mean and include any type of hut, dowelling shelter used for residence of the family **on any land notbelonging to him**.....= **Rs.10,000/-**

**4. Application of additional alternative RR package :-** The following additional alternative RR package shall apply only to such projects as taken up by the State Government of West Bengal, its sub-ordinate offices, undertakings, Development Authorities, local bodies or joint venture or any State Government-planned and sponsored private sector . It has been decided that, for the time being and until further orders, in the township development projects, industrial-complex development projects including SEZ and Infrastructure Development projects taken up by the **Government Departments or any development authority or any joint venture, or Government-planned-and-sponsored private sector, the evicted families should be resettled** in the nearest vicinity, **as far as possible**, in the manner prescribed below :-

[a] If the LA Project is taken up within an existing municipality/corporation or a proposed urban or industrial township areas, the evicted families are to be given resettlement and rehabilitation by allotment of a **two kathas plot of land to each evicted family** or **in lieu thereof** by free allotting a **constructed flat**, with the help of or in the line of **Valmiki-Ambedkar Abasan Prakalpa**; and if such RR benefits are made available to the evicted families, **the responsibility of providing mandatory cash assistance** prescribed at para 3 [b] above shall not apply.

[b] Similarly, if the LA Project is taken up **in the rural areas for any of the aforesaid purposes**, the evicted families are to be given resettlement and rehabilitation by allotment of a **two kathas plot of land to each evicted family** or **in lieu thereof** by free allotting a **constructed** house in the pattern or within the prescribed amount as fixed for **Indira Abas Yojona**; which shall exempt the requiring body from **the responsibility**

**of providing mandatory cash assistance** at the rate prescribed in para 3 [b] above.

5. The requiring bodies shall have, however, all the rights and privileges to offer **any better package, above or in lieu of, the aforesaid mandatory financial assistance**, to BPL or any other families to be evicted in connection with their concerned project, on the basis of mutually agreeable terms and conditions for mutual benefit. And in all cases, the cost to be necessarily incurred for implementation of the above state RR packages shall be borne by the requiring body and **all such RR cost shall be treated as a part of LA cost.**

6. The District Magistrate and Land Acquisition **Collectors shall ensure, assist, supervise and monitor proper implementation** of the aforesaid RR package taking funds and physical involvement of the requiring bodies and associating any other organizations or agencies as may be required for effective and timely implementation of the RR packages in any land acquisition project taken up with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2006; and **submit a report of completion after full execution of the RR packages in all concerned LA cases to the State Government in the Department of Land & Land Reforms.** They may, however, bring to the notice of the Government if there are any problem and set back taken place in proper and time-bound implementation of the RR package.

7. This will not affect or modify any better RR package already existing in any Central Government Department or public sector undertaking under the Union Government and this shall **not also authorize any authority to reduce or adversely modify their existing RR policy and packages presently in force** and use in the State of West Bengal.

This order shall come into effect from 6th June, 2006 and shall remain in force until further order.

By the Order of the Governor,

**[ Sd/ Sukumar Das, IAS]**

Principal Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal

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**Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-**

[1] The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal for favour of his kind perusal.

[2-30] The Principal Secretary/ Secretary to the Government of West Bengal,

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Department, Writer's Buildings/Salt Lake/ Camac Street/ Jessop Buildings, New Secretariat Buildings, Kolkata, with request to send copies of this order to the subordinate offices, undertakings, authorities, local bodies with instruction to adopt the revised guidelines in the matter of acquisition of land as per Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

(31-33) The Divisional Commissioner, Presidency Division/Burdwan Division/ Jalpaiguri Division.

(34) The Director, Land Records & Surveys, Survey Buildings, 35, Gopalnagar Road, Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027.

(35-42) The District Magistrate & Land Acquisition Collector, .....District, P.O & District ....., West Bengal.

(44-60) The Additional District Magistrate (LA)/Spl. Land Acquisition Collector,..... District, West Bengal.

(61) First LA Collector, Kolkata, 5, Bankshall Street. Kolkata – 700 001.

[62] Inspector General of Registration, Government of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata

[63] The Managing Director, WBIDC, 5 Council House Street, Kolkata-70001.

[64] The C.E.O, KMDA, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

[ 65] The CEO, HAD, P.O. Haldia, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal.

[66] The Managing Director, HIDCO, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

[67] The ADM (LR) & DL&LRO,..... District, West Bengal.

(68) Guard File of LA Wing of the Department.

(Sukumar Das)  
Principal Secretary to the  
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