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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 30th August 2008

SUBJECT— Payment of *ex gratia* to the displaced families of Titlagarh, Lower Indra and Deo Irrigation Projects.

The Orissa Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy 2006 was promulgated on the 14th May 2006 and was made applicable to only those projects where notification under Section 4(1) of L. A. Act, 1894 for acquisition of land was issued after the 14th May 2006. Although the Policy provisions are now applicable to all the ongoing irrigation projects still a section of the displaced families of Titlagarh, Lower Indra & Deo Irrigation Projects who had been paid rehabilitation assistance as per R. & R. Policy 1994 are not being covered by the R. & R. Policy 2006. Barring these displaced persons who were paid as per R. & R. Policy 1994 rest of the land losers in the project affected villages shall be covered by the R. & R. Policy 2006.

The difference between the rehabilitation packages of R. & R. Policy 1994 and R. & R. Policy 2006 created a feeling of deprivation among the affected families who had received the rehabilitation assistance earlier. As such they have been representing to Government to consider enhancement of R. & R. assistance.

After careful consideration the Government have been pleased to decide payment of *ex gratia* to displaced families in order to enable them to have better livelihood opportunities of their new place of relocation. The *ex gratia* shall be to the tune of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per displaced family. This would be paid to only those families of the three ongoing irrigation projects i. e. Titlagarh Lower Indra and Deo who have received R. & R. assistance as per R. & R. Policy 1994 but have not evacuated their villages.

Since the *ex gratia* has been approved to facilitate evacuation of the displaced families the amount would be paid only on evacuation from the submerged villages.

However, it has also been decided that the matter would not be cited as a precedent either for other completed projects or for projects to be taken up in future.

ORDER— Order that the Resolution be published in the extraordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette* and copies thereof forwarded to Account-General (Accounts), Orissa, Bhubaneswar/ Account-General (Audit), Orissa, Bhubaneswar/All Departments of Governments/all Heads of Department/Secretary, Board of Revenue, Orissa, Cuttack/Director of Treasuries and Inspection, Orissa, Bhubaneswar/Revenue Divisional Commissioner, Northern Division, Sambalpur/Revenue Divisional Commissioner, Central Division, Cuttack/Revenue Divisional Commissioner, Southern Division, Berhampur/Collector & District Magistrate, Nuapada/ Collector & District Magistrate, Balangir/Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj.

By order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government