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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub : Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) on Rehabilitation Grant against damaged houses due to disaster.

There is provision of granting Rehabilitation Grant against damaged houses due to disaster as per SDRF norms issued by Government of India vide No. 33-03/2020-NDM-1 Dated 11-07-2023. Revenue & Disaster Management Department has received number of queries from the districts seeking clarification regarding criterion of selecting beneficiaries for granting RG for house damage. As such, the following FAQs are placed on the subject, which may be of used while finalizing the list of affected families for RG.

FAQ

1. Whether inhabitants of Khas Land will be eligible for RG- House Damage Grant ?

Ans: As per notification No.RGR.(RRR)582/2021/11 dated 22nd July 2021, "those landless families who are residing on Govt. land since long back and are eligible for getting allotment/ settlement under the provisions of Land Policy,2019 and that there is no dispute over the possession, subject to the exclusion of habitual encroachers" are eligible for RG as per the SDRF norms in respect of house damaged due to natural calamities.

2. Whether inhabitants of Wet Land without any land documents will be eligible for RG- House Damage Grant ?

Ans: Inhabitants of wet lands without any land documents are not eligible for RG- House Damage Grant because the wet lands are not settleable as per land policy 2019.

3. Whether RG shall be granted against damaged houses which stood on the Forest Land/Grazing Land?

Ans. Families residing in Forest land except those having got forest rights under THE SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FOREST DWELLERS (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006 are not eligible for receiving RG for the House damage. It also to be mentioned that families residing in Grazing land (PGR/VGR) with no administrative mandate prior to the date 1.1.2011 are not eligible for RG House damage. However families that have valid forest rights given under the statute mentioned above or those having clear administrative mandate for allotment/settlement/rehabilitation etc. of a date prior to 1.1.2011 will be eligible to received rehabilitation grant against the damaged houses as per norms.

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4. Whether Broiler farms can be considered as Cattle Shed for RG?

Ans. Yes

5. Is there any norms for granting RG for Tea Estate Labour quarter and Tea Garden land ?

Ans. RG against damaged quarters of Tea Estate Labour quarter is not admissible since these quarters are owned by the Tea Estate Management.

6. Whether houses constructed on Government Land under the PMAY scheme covered under the RG eligibility norms?

Ans. As in FAQ no.1

7. In the recent Storm, most of the affected families do not have any land documents, though they are indigenous people residing for many years. Letter was written to KAAC enclosing the family details to provide land documents, so that these families can avail RG grant. As such , whether indigenous people without any land documents are eligible for RG grant?

Ans. As in FAQ no.1 and 3.

8. Whether families residing in Forest villages are eligible for RG grant?

Ans. As in FAQ no.3

9. Whether people residing in Non-Cadastral village and forest area eligible for RG Grant?

Ans. Please See FAQ No. 3 in respect of forest land. Lands of non cadastral village are same as Government Land. Therefore if the family whose house has been damaged is eligible to receive the settlement of the Government land as per land policy 2019, the RG can be given as clarified in FAQ No. 1.

10. Whether CLTF approval mandatory for RG ?

Ans. Yes

11. People shifted their houses due to erosion, in which category they will be eligible for house damage?

Ans. For shifting of houses due to erosion RG is not admissible. However, if original house from which family has shifted is washed away or damaged due to erosion such families will be eligible to receive Rehabilitation Grant as per SDRF norms under 10% state specific disaster window of SDRF.

12. In Margherita town, 210 families have been affected by disaster, the land records of the inhabitants are in the name of AR&T Company. As per ROR, the said land is a special Patta Land (Bishesh Myadi) which is similar to Tea Garden Land. Kindly suggest for submission of RG proposals?

Ans. Such families will not be eligible for RG against House damage as per SDRF norms read with the criterion as laid down in the notification No. RGR. (RRR)582/2021/11 dated 22/07/21 since the land on which the houses are standing is not government. However, if lawful successor of the land voluntarily relinquishes the land and on acceptance the land becomes government land then it can be examined as per FAQ No. 1.

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By order etc.,

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