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Natural Calamities - Grant of financial assistance to the victims of Natural Calamities like Cyclone/Flood/ Drought, Earthquake, etc., from Calamity Relief Fund/ National Calamity Contingency Fund - Revised norms to be adopted - Orders - Issued.

Revenue(NC III(2)Dept

G.O.Ms.No.630

Dated: 29.10.2007

Read again:

1. G.O.Ms.No.5, Revenue, dated 9.1.97.

Read also:

2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, Lr.No.32-22/2004, NDM-I, dt.10.9.2004.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, Letter No.32-34/2005-NDM-I , dt.27.6.07.
4. From the Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration Lr.No.NC I(2)/49548/07, dt.17.9.07.

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ORDER:

Whenever there is any calamity the down trodden and under privileged people are used to suffer without food, shelter, loss of life and belongings. To mitigate the sufferings and loss, relief in the form of financial assistance is granted from Calamity Relief Fund for death, loss of limb or eyes, grievous, injuries, loss of crops, loss of cattles, damages to the houses, etc., due to natural calamities as per norms prescribed by Government of India.

2. In G.O first read above, the Government have constituted a State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary among others to administer the Calamity Relief Fund /National Calamity Contingency Fund.

3. The Calamity Relief Fund is shared by the Government of India and the States in the ratio of 75:25.

4. As of now, the State Level Committee on Calamity Relief Fund is sanctioning funds as per norms prescribed by Government of India to be adopted for the period from 2000-2005 communicated in their letter second read above.

5. The Government of India, now in their letter third read above, have communicated the revised norms to be adopted for granting of financial assistance to the victims of Natural Calamities during the period from 2005-2010. The

Government of India have further included 'Land slides, Avalanches, Cloud burst and Pest Attacks' also in the definition of ' natural calamity ' besides the existing "cyclone drought, earthquake, fire, flood, Tsunami and hailstorm" which is a major important change.

6. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration has forwarded the revised norms of Government of India as in the Annexure to this order and sought permission of the Government for adoption of the same.

7. The Government after careful consideration, accept the suggestion of the Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration and direct that the revised norms of Government of India which envisages granting of enhanced relief to the victims of natural Calamity as in the Annexure be adopted. This order will come into force from the date of issue of this order till 2010 or till further revised norms is issued.

(By Order of the Governor)

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The Commissioner of Agriculture Department, Chennai-5.

The Commissioner of Horticulture, Chennai-5.

The Commissioner of Animal Husband and Fisheries, Teynampet, Chennai-6.

The Director of Fisheries, Chennai-6.

The Director of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Kilpauk, Chennai-6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.

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The Commissioner and Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-18.

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ANNEXURE
(Enclosure to G.O.Ms.No.630, Revenue, dt.29.10.2007)

REVISED LIST OF ITEMS AND NORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PERSONS AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES FROM CALAMITY RELIEF FUND (CRF) AND NATIONAL CALAMITY CONTINGENCY FUND (NCCF)

Sl. No.	ITEMS	Revised norms of Assistance
1	Gratuitous Relief	
	(a) Ex-Gratia payment to families of deceased persons	Rs. One Lakh per deceased
		It would be necessary to obtain a Certificate of cause of death issued by an appropriate authority designated by the State Government certifying that the death has occurred due to a natural calamity notified by the Ministry of Finance in the scheme of CRF / NCCF
		In the case of a Government employee / relief worker who loses his / her life while engaged in rescue and relief operations, in the aftermath of a notified natural calamity or during preparedness activities like mock drills, etc. his / her family would be paid ex-gratia @ Rs. 1.00 lakh per deceased
		In the case of an Indian citizen, who loses his life due to a notified natural calamity in a foreign country, his family would not be paid this relief
		Similarly, in the case of a Foreign citizen, who loses his life due to a notified natural calamity within the territory of India, his family would also not be paid this relief
	(b) Ex-Gratia payment for loss of a limb or eyes	(i) Rs. 35,000/- per person (when the disability is between 40% and 75% duly certified by a Government doctor or doctor from a panel approved by the Government)
		(ii) Rs. 50,000/- per person (when the disability is more than 75% duly certified by a Government doctor or doctor from a panel approved by the Government)
	(c) Grievous injury requiring hospitalization for more than a week	Rs. 7,500/- per person (grievous injury requiring hospitalization for more than a week)
		Rs. 2,500/- per person (grievous injury requiring hospitalization for less than a week)
	(d) Relief for the old, infirm and destitute children	Rs. 20/- per adult, Rs. 15/- per child, per day
	(e) Clothing and utensils for families whose houses have been washed away / fully damaged / severely inundated for more than a week due to a natural calamity	Rs. 1,000/- for loss of clothing per family and Rs. 1,000/- for loss of utensils / household goods per family

	<p>dire need of immediate sustenance after a calamity. GR should only be given to those who have no food reserve, or whose food reserves have been wiped out in a calamity, and who have no other immediate means of support.</p>	<p>Rs. 2.00 per adult, and Rs. 1.50/- per child per day.</p>
		<p>Period for providing gratuitous relief</p> <p>(i) Natural Calamities other than drought and pest attack (locust and rodent menace only)</p> <p>Upto a maximum period of 15 days</p> <p>In the case of above mentioned notified natural calamities of a severe nature, relief can be provided upto 30 days with the approval of State Level Committee for assistance to be provided under CRF and as per the assessment of the Central Team for assistance to be provided under NCCF.</p> <p>ii) Drought / pest attack (locust and rodent menace only)</p> <p>The maximum period for which the relief can be provided is upto 60 days and in case of severe drought / pest attack upto 90 days</p> <p>In case the drought / pest attack situation persists beyond 90 days, the State Level Committee shall, after a detailed review, decide the further period for which relief can be provided from CRF, on a month to month basis, co-terminus with the actual period of prevailing situation.</p>
2	Supplementary Nutrition	<p>Rs.2.00 per head per day, as per ICDS norms</p> <p>Period for providing relief</p> <p>(i) Natural Calamities other than drought and pest attack (locust and rodent menace only)</p> <p>Upto a maximum period of 30 days with the approval of State Level Committee for assistance from CRF and as per the assessment of the Central Team for assistance from NCCF</p> <p>ii) Drought / pest attack (locust and rodent menace only)</p> <p>The maximum period for which the relief can be provided is upto 60 days. Severe drought 90days.</p> <p>In case of drought pest attack (locus and rodent menace only) of a severe nature, the period for provision of relief may be extended upto a maximum period of 90 days with the approval of State Level Committee for assistance to be provided under CRF and as per the assessment of the Central Team for assistance to be provided under NCCF.</p>

3	Assistance to small and marginal farmers for -	
	a) Desilting of agricultural land	Rs.6,000/- per hectare where thickness of sand / silt deposit is more than 3", to be certified by the competent authority of the State Government)
	(b) Removal of debris on agricultural land in hilly areas	Rs.6,000/- per hectare
	(c) Desilting / Restoration / Repair of fish farms	Rs.6,000/- per hectare (Subject to the condition that no other assistance / subsidy has been availed of by / is eligible to the beneficiary under any other Government Scheme)
	(d) Loss of substantial portion of land caused by landslide, avalanche, change of course of rivers	Rs.15,000/- per hectare (Assistance will be given to only those small and marginal farmers whose ownership of the land lost is legitimate as per the revenue records)
	Agriculture input subsidy where crop loss was 50% and above..	
	(e) For agriculture crops, horticulture crops and annual plantation crops	Rs.2,000/- per hectare in rainfed areas
		Rs.4,000/- per hectare for areas under assured irrigation
		(a) No input subsidy will be payable for agricultural land remaining unsown or fallow
		(b) Assistance payable to any small farmer with tiny holding may not be less than Rs.250/-
	ii) Perennial crops	Rs.6,000/- per hectare for all types of perennial crops
		(a) No input subsidy will be payable for agricultural land remaining unsown or fallow
		(b) Assistance payable to any small farmer with tiny holding may not be less than Rs.500/-
4	Input subsidy to farmers other than small & marginal farmers	Assistance may be provided, where crop loss is 50% and above, subject to a ceiling of 1 ha. per farmer and upto 2 ha. per farmer in case of successive calamities irrespective of the size of his holding being large, at the following rates -
		Rs.2,000/- per hectare in rainfed areas
		Rs.4,000/- per hectare for areas under assured irrigation
		Rs.6,000/- per hectare for all types of perennial crops
		No input subsidy will be payable for agricultural land remaining unsown or fallow
5	Assistance to Small & Marginal sericulture farmers	Rs.2,000/- per ha. for Eri, Mulberry and Tussar
		Rs.2,500/- per ha. for Muga

6	<p>Employment Generation (only to meet additional requirements after taking into account funds available under various Plans / Schemes with elements of employment generations e.g. NREGP, SGRY)</p>	<p>Daily wages to be on a par with minimum wage for unskilled labourers notified by the State Government concerned.</p> <p>Contribution from Calamity Relief Fund be restricted upto 8 Kgs of wheat or 5 Kgs of rice per person per day - subject to the availability of stock in the State. The cost of the food grains is to be worked out on the basis of "economic cost"</p> <p>The remaining part of the minimum wages will be paid in cash. The cash component should not be less than 25% of the minimum wage</p> <p>The above assistance be for a period of 10 days in a month (15 days in a month in areas where other schemes / projects with elements of employment generation are not in operation)</p> <p>State Govt is required to lift and utilise the allocated food grains within three months from the date of issue of the order of allocation. No request for extension of the said period shall be entertained.</p> <p>Work to be provided to one person from every willing rural household in the affected areas subject to the assessment of actual demand on a case-to-case basis.</p> <p>As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF.</p>
7	<p>Animal Husbandry Assistance to small and marginal farmers/agricultural labourers</p> <p>i) Replacement of draught /milch animals or animals used for haulage</p>	<p>Milch animal</p> <p>i) Buffalo / cow / camel / yak etc @ Rs 10,000/-</p> <p>ii) Sheep / Goat @ Rs.1,000/-</p> <p>Draught Animals</p> <p>i) Camel / horse / bullock, etc @ Rs.10,000/-</p> <p>ii) Calf, Donkey and pony @ Rs.5000</p> <p>The assistance may be restricted for the actual loss of economically productive animals and will be subject to a ceiling of 1 large milch animal or 4 small milch animals or 1 large draught animal or 2 small draught animals per household irrespective of the number of animals lost (The loss is to be certified by the Competent Authority designated by the State Government)</p> <p>Poultry:-</p> <p>Poultry @ 30/- per bird subject to a ceiling of assistance of Rs 300/- per beneficiary household. The death of the poultry birds should be on account of the notified natural calamity.</p>

		<p>Note:- Relief under these norms is not eligible if the assistance is available from any other Government Scheme eg. loss of birds due to Avian Influenza or any other diseases for which the Department of Animal Husbandry has a separate scheme for compensating the poultry owners</p>
	ii) Provision of fodder in cattle camps	<p>Large Animals Rs.20/- per day Small Animals Rs. 10/- per day Period for providing assistance i) Notified Calamities other than drought Upto a maximum period of 15 days (ii) Drought Upto 60 days. In case of severe drought upto 90 days</p> <p>In the case the drought situation persists beyond 90 days, the State Level Committee shall, after a detailed review, decide the further period for which relief can be provided from NCCF on a month to month basis co-terminus with the actual period of scarcity / onset of rains</p>
	iii) Water supply in cattle camps	<p>To be assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF</p> <p>Period for providing assistance i) Notified Calamities other than drought Upto a maximum period of 15 days (ii) Drought Upto 60 days and in case of severe drought upto 90 days</p> <p>In case the drought persists beyond 90 days, the State Level Committee shall, after a detailed review, decide the further period for which relief can be provided from CRF on a month to month basis co-terminus with the actual period of scarcity / onset of rains</p>
	iv) Additional cost of medicines and vaccine (calamity related requirements)	To be assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF
	v) Supply of fodder outside Cattle Camps	Additional expenditure on transport of fodder from the approved fodder depot to neutralise calamity related price rise to be determined on a case-to-case basis by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided under CRF and as per the assessment of Central Team for assistance to be provided under NCCF
	vi) Movement of useful cattle to other areas	To be assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF

8	Assistance to Fishermen	
	(a) For repair/replacement of boats nets and damaged or lost	Rs 2,500/- (for repair of partially damaged traditional crafts (all types) plus net)
	Boat -Dug out Canoe -Catamaran -Nets	Rs.7,500/- (for replacement of fully damaged traditional crafts(all types) plus net) Such traditional crafts are to be registered with the State Government Extent of damage (partial or full) to be determined / certified by a competent authority designated by the State Government (This assistance will not be provided if the beneficiary is eligible or has availed of any subsidy / assistance, for the instant calamity, under any other Government Scheme)
(b) Input subsidy for fish seed farm	Rs.4,000/- per hectare (This assistance will not be provided if the beneficiary is eligible for or has availed of any subsidy / assistance, for the instant calamity, under any other Government Scheme except the one time subsidy provided under the Scheme of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture).	
9	Assistance to artisans in handicrafts sector by way of subsidy for repair /replacement of damaged equipments.	
	(a) Traditional Crafts.	
	(i) for replacement of damaged tools / damaged equipments.	Rs 2,000/- per artisan Damage / replacement to be duly certified by Competent Authority designated by the State Government
	(ii) For loss of raw material / goods in process / finished goods	Rs 2,000/- per artisan Damage / loss to be certified by Competent Authority designated by the State Government
	b) for Handloom Weavers	
	(i) Repair/ replacements of loom equipments and accessories.	For repair of loom Rs.1000/- per loom For replacement of looms Rs.2000/- per loom Damage / replacement to be certified by the competent authority designated by the State Government
	(ii) Purchase of yarn and other materials	Rs 2,000/- per loom Damage / replacement to be certified by the competent authority designated by the State Government
10	Assistance for repair / restoration of damaged houses	The damaged house should be an authorised construction duly certified by the Competent Authority of the State Government The extent of damage to the house is to be certified by a technical authority authorised by the State Government
	(a) Fully damaged houses / destroyed houses	
	(i) Pucca house	Rs.25,000/- per house
	(ii) Kucha house	Rs.10,000/- per house

	(b) Severely damaged houses.	
	(i) Pucca house	Rs.5,000/- per house
	(ii) Kucha house	Rs.2,500/- per house
	(C) Partially Damaged Houses - both pucca / kutchha (other than hut) (where the damage is minimum of 15%)	Rs.1,500/- per house
	(d) Huts: damaged / destroyed	Rs.2000/- per hut (Hut means - Temporary, make shift unit, inferior to Kutchha house, made of thatch, mud, plastic sheets, etc. traditionally seen & recognised and known as Hut by the State / District Authorities)
11	Provision of emergency supply of drinking water in rural areas and urban areas	As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF
12	Provision of medicines, disinfectants, insecticides for prevention of outbreak of epidemics.	As above
13	Medical care for cattle and poultry against epidemics as a sequel to a notified natural calamity	As above
14	Evacuation of people affected /likely to be affected	As above
15	Hiring of boats for carrying immediate relief & saving life	As above The quantum of assistance be limited to the actual expenditure incurred on hiring boats and essential equipment required for rescuing stranded people and thereby saving human lives during a notified natural calamity
16	Provision for temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, etc. of people affected/evacuated.	As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF. Quantum of assistance be limited to the actual expenditure incurred, during the specified period Period In case of natural calamities other than drought for a maximum period upto 15 days In case of natural calamities other than drought of a severe nature for a maximum period upto 30 days Drought In case of drought the maximum period for which the relief can be provided is upto 60 days and in case of severe drought upto 90 days In case, the drought situation persists beyond 90 days, the State Level Committee shall, after a detailed review, decide the further period for which relief can be provided, on a month to month basis, co-terminus with the actual period of scarcity / onset of rains.

17	Air dropping of essential supplies	<p>As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF.</p> <p>The quantum of assistance will be limited to the actual amount raised in the bills by the Air Force / other aircraft providers for air dropping of essential supplies and rescue operations only.</p>
18	<p>Repair/restoration of immediate nature of the damaged infrastructure in eligible sectors.</p> <p>(1) Roads & bridges (2) Drinking water supply works (3) Irrigation (4) Power (only limited to immediate restoration of electricity supply in the affected areas) (5) Primary Education, (6) Primary Health Centres (7) Community assets, owned by Panchayats</p> <p><i>Sectors such as Telecommunication and Power (except immediate restoration of power supply) which generate their own revenues, and also undertake immediate repair / restoration works from their own funds / resources are excluded.</i></p>	<p>Activities of Immediate Nature An illustrative list of activities which may be considered as works of an immediate nature are given in the appendix</p> <p>Time period The following time limits are indicated for undertaking works of immediate nature -</p> <p>For Plain areas a) 30 days in case of calamity of normal magnitude b) 45 days in case of calamity of severe magnitude</p> <p>For Hilly areas and North Eastern States a) 45 days in case of calamity of normal magnitude b) 60 days in case of calamity of severe magnitude</p> <p>Assessment of requirements On the basis of assessment made by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided under CRF and on the basis of the assessment of the Central Team for assistance to be provided under NCCF</p>
19	Replacement of damaged medical equipments and lost medicines of Government hospitals/ health centers	<p>As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF.</p> <p>The quantum of relief will be limited to the actual expenditure incurred</p>
20	Operational cost (Of POL only) for Ambulance Service, Mobile Medical Teams and temporary dispensaries	<p>As above</p> <p>The list of items, which fall under operational cost, will generally include -</p> <p>Cost of putting up temporary medical camps / temporary dispensaries</p> <p>Hiring of ambulance vehicles</p> <p>Hiring of transport vehicles for mobile medical teams</p> <p>Actual POL expenditure for ambulance and transport vehicles for mobile medical teams</p>

21	Cost of Clearance of debris	As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF The quantum of relief will be limited to the actual expenditure incurred Cost of clearing of debris includes removal of debris of stones, bricks, steel / iron which is restricted to inhabited areas only
22	Draining off flood water in affected areas	As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF The quantum of relief will be limited to the actual expenditure incurred
23	Costs of search and rescue measures	As assessed by the State Level Committee for assistance to be provided from CRF and assessed by the Central Team for assistance to be provided from NCCF The quantum of relief will be limited to the actual expenditure incurred on search and rescue operations within a period of two weeks of notified natural calamity
24	Disposal of dead bodies / carcasses	On actual basis, as reported by the State Government or as recommended by the Central Team
25	Training to specialist multidisciplinary groups/ teams of the State personnel drawn from different cadres / services personnel involved in management of "disaster" in the State	Expenditure is to be incurred from CRF only (and not from NCCF), as assessed by the State Level Committee The total expenditure on items 25 and 26 collectively should not exceed 10% of the annual allocation of the CRF
26	Procurement of essential search, rescue and evacuation equipments including communication equipments	As above
	Installation of public utility 4 digit code telephone (calls not metered)	

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27	Landslides, cloudburst and avalanches	The norms for various items will be the same as applicable to other notified natural calamities as listed above
28	Pest attack (locust and rodent menace only)	<p>With regard to the norms of assistance for crop damaged due to pest attack, it will be on the lines of assistance provided to the affected farmers in the wake of damage to crops by other notified natural calamities.</p> <p>However, expenditure on aerial spray of pesticides for pest control will be met under the ongoing scheme of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture as spraying is required to be done on larger areas and not on field basis, owned by the individual farmers.</p>
29	NORMS FOR EXISTING NATURAL CALAMITY OF FIRE	
	Fire	<p>Assistance in the wake of accidental fire may be provided for loss / damage to lives, limbs, crops, property, etc. in inhabited areas as per the items and norms applicable in the wake of other notified natural calamities</p> <p>The eligibility of assistance as per above criteria is to be certified by the Competent Authority of the State.</p> <p>The incident relating to Forest fire may be covered to some extent under the Scheme of the Ministry of Environment & Forests i.e. Integrated Forest Protection Scheme. Relief assistance will be provided to the people affected due to forest fire for loss / damage to lives, limbs, crops, property etc. as per the items and norms applicable in the wake of other notified natural calamities, to the extent, such losses are not covered under the Integrated Forest Protection Scheme.</p> <p>With regard to Fire incidents relating to industrial, commercial installations, these are required to be covered under insurance.</p>

Appendix to Item No. 18

Illustrative list of activities identified as of an immediate nature

1	Drinking water supply
	i) Repair of damaged platforms of Hand pumps / Ring wells / Spring-tapped chambers / Public stand posts, cisterns
	ii) Restoration of damaged stand posts including replacement of damaged pipe lengths with new pipe lengths, cleaning of clear water reservoir (to make it leak proof)
	iii) Repair of damaged pumping machines, leaking overhead reservoirs and water pumps including damaged intake - structures, approach gantries / jetties
2	Roads
	i) Filling up of breaches and potholes, use of pipe for creating waterways, repair and stone pitching of embankments
	ii) Repair of breached culverts
	iii) Providing diversions to the damaged / washed out portions of bridges to restore immediate connectivity
	iv) Temporary repair of approaches to bridges / embankments of bridges, repair of damaged railing bridges, repair of causeways to restore immediate connectivity, granular sub base.
3	Irrigation
	i) Immediate repair of damaged canal structures and earthen / masonry works of tanks and small reservoirs with the use of cement, sand bags and stones
	ii) Repair of weak areas such as piping or rat holes in dam walls / embankments
	iii) Removal of vegetable material / building material / debris from canal and drainage system
4	Health
	Repair of damaged approach roads, buildings and electrical lines of PHCs / Community Health Centres
5	Community assets of Panchayat
	i) Repair of village internal roads
	ii) Removal of debris from drainage / sewerage lines
	iii) Repair of internal water supply lines
	iv) Repair of street lights
	v) Temporary repair of primary schools, Panchayat ghars, community halls, anganwadi, etc

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