GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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To,

The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue & DM Department.

The Principal CCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar,

The PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha,

All RCCF's, Odisha,

All Collector's, Odisha,

All DFO,s (Territorial & Wildlife), Odisha.

Sub: Guidelines for Relocation of Villagers from the Sanctuaries/ National Parks / Tiger Reserves.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose here with the Guidelines for relocation of villagers from the Sanctuaries/ National Parks /Tiger Reserves for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Special Secretary to Government.

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GUIDELINES FOR RELOCATION OF VILLAGERS FROM THE SANCTUARIES/ NATIONAL PARKS TIGER RESERVES

A large no of villagers residing in Sanctuaries/ National Parks Tiger Reserves are willing to move out due to difficult living conditions. At present there is provision of extending financial support in favour of villagers relocated from the core / critical area of the tiger habitat by the NTCA which is detailed below.

Option-I: Payment of Rs.10.00 lakh per family in case the family opts so, without any rehabilitation / relocation process by the Forest Department.

Option -II: Carrying out relocation / rehabilitation by the Forest Department with the following per family norms out of Rs.10.00 lakh.

(a)	Agricultural land procurement (2 ha.) and development	35 % of the total package.
(b)	Settlement of rights	35 % of the total package.
(c)	Homestead land and house construction.	20 % of the total package.
(d)	Incentive	5 % of the total package.
(e)	Community facilities (access road, irrigation, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, telecommunication, community centre, places of worship, cremation ground.	5 % of the total package.

It has come to notice to the Government that villagers residing in the National Parks / Sanctuaries / Tiger Reserve other than core / critical area of Tiger habitat are also interested to be relocated due to difficult living conditions inside and availability of better facilities outside. After careful consideration the Government have been pleased to extend the following financial assistance / support also to the families willing to be relocated from the Sanctuaries/ National Parks / Tiger Reserves, other than core/ critical area of the Tiger habitat.

 Option – I & II as applicable to villagers of core / critical areas of tiger habitats by the NTCA will also be applicable. In addition the following benefits will also be extended through convergence, under different Government schemes/ Programmes by the District Administration.

- i) 10 decimals of land to be given for homestead purpose to each family for constructing house in a colony.
- ii) One Indira Awas House or Biju Pucca Ghar to be given to each family.
- iii) Electricity to be provided to the re-location colony.
- iv) Drinking water facility to be provided.
- v) Hand- holding support through NGO to be provided for 2 years for their capacity building and livelihood enhancement.
- vi) All the eligible beneficiaries to be provided NFSA cards, benefits under National Social Security Schemes etc.
- vii) All children to be enrolled in government run residential schools.
- viii) Mason training and hand-holding support during construction of houses.
- In case of non-availability of leasable land, diversion of available degraded forest land will be taken up under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for relocation as per NTCA guidelines.

The fund required for the purpose will be met out of the CAMPA APO and Odisha Environment Management Fund after the following due procedure:

Principal Secretary to Government