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Government of West Bengal **Department of Forests** Aranya Bhawan, Block LA-10A, Sector-III Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106

No. I/408969/2023

Date: 23-06-2023

## Notification

Whereas the West Bengal State Forest Development Agency (WBSFDA), a Society registered in the year 2010 under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 was set up to act as a federation of the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) in the State, implement the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) and overall development of forests and conservation of biodiversity, etc.; and

Whereas the Regulations of the WBSFDA were notified by the Forest Department vide its Notification No. 1130-FR/11M-19/2003 dated 10.06.2014; and

Whereas the State Government has recently issued an Order bearing No.65-FOR/FR/O/6M-06-2023 dated 11/01/2023 for prompt payment of exgratia compensation for loss of life due to human wildlife conflict/wild animal depredation, directing that full/100% disbursement of ex-gratia amount admissible shall be made within 24 hours of death due to human wildlife conflict/wild animal depredation, subject to the satisfaction of the Divisional Forest Officer about genuineness of the claim; and

Whereas the nature of such payments is urgent and the funds under the State Budget may not be available at the time of express requirement;

Now, therefore, with a view to provide the ex-gratia financial assistance at the earliest, independent of the State's budgetary cycle and regardless of the availability of fund under the State Budget, the Governor is pleased to notify that the payment of ex-gratia compensation for human death due to human wildlife conflict may be made from funds available with the WBSFDA on emergency basis from the respective H/A '23-2406-02-800-003-Compensation for Wildlife Depredation-31-02-V' to comply the order vide No. 65-FOR /FR/O/6M-06-2023 dated 11.01.2023 of the this Department, and the same shall be recouped to WBSFDA as and when the funds under the relevant head of account under the State Budget Fund are received.

OF SDP 29/10/23

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, vide their U.O. No. 0665 of Group-N dated 02/06/2023 and U.O. Group I/2023-2024/0043 dated 21/06/2023.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/-

(VIVEK KUMAR, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary to theGovt. of West Bengal

No. I/408969/2023/1(3)

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