

Government Orissa
Revenue & Disaster Management Department

No. IVF-126/06 /R&DM

Date: _____

From

G.V.V.Sarma,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors.

Sub: Procedure for payment of Ex-gratia relief to the next of kin - death due to Natural Calamities.

Sir,

With reference to the above it has been reported that in **some cases the dead body is not recovered, despite best efforts**. A clarification has been sought from the Government regarding the procedure for payment of Ex-gratia. After careful consideration, the Government have decided that Ex-gratia shall be paid in full to the next of kin of the deceased in such cases, subject to the following:

1. A case of unnatural death must be registered in local police station based on complaint of the family members of the deceased.
2. There should be a full enquiry by the Tahasildar, which should establish that there is a reasonable ground to presume that the person has died.
3. A report of the local Sarpanch should be available in the case record.
4. Family members should have performed the obsequies according to the prevailing customs.
5. The next of the kin should have filed an affidavit on any date not earlier than three months from the date of presumed death that he is reasonably certain that the person died, that the obsequies have been performed according to the prevailing customs and that in case the contrary is proved, the payment would be recovered as arrears of land revenue.

You are therefore, requested to follow the above instructions. Detailed report of every such instance of payment of Ex-gratia may be reported to the Special Relief Commissioner for record.

This procedure will be effective from the floods of 2006.

Yours faithfully,

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

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Copy forwarded to the Special Relief Commissioner, Orissa, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.