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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU ENHANCES COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF LIFE/ PERMANENT INCAPACITATION IN HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICTS

Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking several steps to mitigate human wildlife conflicts. One of the approaches in human-wildlife conflict mitigation is providing adequate compensation to victims of such conflicts. Towards thisthe Government in G.O.(D) No.160 dated 03.11.2021 enhanced the compensation from Rs.4lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs for the loss of human life or permanent incapacitation in such conflicts. The Government had also created a corpus of Rs.10 Crores to enable speedy disbursement of the compensation claims.

Several representations have been received to further enhance this compensation. This matter was reviewed by the Honourable Chief Minister. Taking into consideration the hardship of families affected by such conflicts, the Hon'ble Chief Ministerhas announced to double the compensation amount by further enhancing it from Rs.5 lakhs to Rs.10 lakhs for the loss of human life or permanent incapacitation in cases of human wildlife conflicts. This will come into effect immediately.

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