

**Disaster Management Department
Govt. of West Bengal
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NOTIFICATION

After constitution of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, it has become imperative to vest administrative/executive/financial powers to it for administration of Disaster Management activities as envisaged under section 26 (XXXV) of the Act. The Department of Disaster Management administers the programme of i) Distribution of House Building Grant among persons affected by natural calamities like fire, flood, cyclone, earthquake, hailstorm, landslide, Tsunami, avalanche and cloud burst etc. and ii) Distribution of Economic Rehabilitation Grant among persons belonging to BPL category against fixed quota through district administration.

For empowering the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, the revised procedure for sanction of these Grants in GTA areas would be as follows:-

1. House Building Grant

- (i) The Four-member Joint Inspection Team for Rural Areas of GTA would be as follows:
 - (a) Representative of the Block Development Officer;
 - (b) Representative of the concerned Member of GTA for the area;
 - (c) Prodhan or his/her authorised representative;
 - (d) Leader of the Opposition in that Gram Panchayat or in absence of such member there will be no fourth Member.
- ii. The Block Development Officer will prepare and approve the priority list of beneficiaries in consultation with the Members of GTA for rural areas after finalisation of claims and objections and send the proposal for allotment of House Building Grant to Principal Secretary GTA;
- iii. In municipal areas, the composition of Four-member Joint Inspection Team would be as follows:
 - (a) Authorised representative of the Sub-Divisional Officer;
 - (b) Authorised representative of the Chairperson of the concerned municipality;

- (c) Member of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration of the area or his authorised representative;
- (d) Leader of the Opposition in that municipality or in absence of such member there will be no such Member.
- iv. The Member of GTA will be one of the members of the Advisory Committee for preparation of the priority list;
- v. The SDO will approve the priority list of beneficiaries after finalisation of claims and objections and send the proposal for allotment of House Building Grant to Principal Secretary GTA;
- vi. The comprehensive proposal for sanction of House Building Grant will be sent by the Principal Secretary, GTA to the Department of Disaster Management, with a copy to the District Magistrate, Darjeeling;
- vii. Government would place necessary fund at the disposal of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, which would arrange distribution through the Block Development Officer in respect of rural areas and Chairperson of Municipalities in Urban areas.

2. Economic Rehabilitation Grant

- i. Members of GTA in Blocks will be consulted by the Block Development Officer before finalizing the lists of beneficiaries in rural areas;
- ii. BDO will send the proposal for rural areas to the Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration;
- iii. In urban areas, Chairperson of a municipality would consult with the Members of GTA and the Sub Divisional Disaster Management Officer for finalizing the list of applicants;
- iv. Chairperson of a Municipality would send the proposal for sanction of ER Grant to the Principal Secretary, GTA for municipal areas;
- v. The Screening Committee for finalizing the proposals will comprise the following:
- (a) Chief Executive as the chairperson;
- (b) Additional District Magistrate in charge of Disaster Management as member;
- (c) Executive Director of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration in charge of Disaster Management as convener of the Committee;
- (d) One lady Member of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration as member.

- vi. GTA will approve the proposals and seek requisite fund along with last year's utilisation certificate from the Department of Disaster Management with a copy to the District Magistrate, Darjeeling.
- vii. Government would place necessary fund at the disposal of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, which would arrange distribution through the Block Development Officer in respect of rural areas and SDO in municipalities.

The above amendment will come into effect from the date of issue of this order.



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Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- i) Principal Secretary, Dept. of Hill Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal
- ii) Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration
- iii) Commissioner, Jalpaiguri Division,
- iv) District Magistrate, Darjeeling,
- v) All SDOs/All BDOs/All Municipalities of GTA Area.

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Copy for information to:

- 1) The Private Secretary to Minister-In-Charge, Disaster Management Deptt.
- 2) The Secretary to the Chief Minister
- 3) The Sr. P.S. to the Chief Secretary
- 4) The Sr. P.S. to the Home Secretary-cum-Principal Secretary of the Deptt. of Hill Affairs
- 5) The Sr. P.S. to the Finance Secretary

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