

WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
PURTA BHAVAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA – 91

File No. 1089/WBHRC/Com/2015-16

Petitioner: Shri Nakul Jana

The Commission took cognizance on 22.12.2015 of the complaint filed by one Nakul Jana of STWWS praying for improvement of life of the residents of the Sundarbans. The Commission called for a report from the Forest / Environment Secretary and also asked the Investigation Wing of the Commission to file an enquiry report regarding the “Tiger Widows” of Sundarbans and other related matters.

By their letter No. 2335-For /FR /O/N/6M-14/2015 the Joint Secretary to Govt. of West Bengal, Department of Forests informed the Commission - “With reference to above, this is to inform that the rate of compensation for loss of life due to depredation by wild animals was Rs. 1,00,000/- w.e.f. 01.06.2007 vide this Department Memo No. 4159-For dated 17.08.2007 & presently the rate has been enhanced to Rs. 2,50,000/- w.e.f. 01.01.2015 vide Memo No. 195-For dated 30.01.2015 read with Memo No. 328-For dated 13.02.2015.

Regarding compensation in respect of the deceased persons Late Pakhi Bhakta, Late Monu Molla & Late Prabin Singha respectively, action has already been taken and the claimants have already been paid Rs. 2,50,000/- each as per report of D.F.O., 24-Parganas(South) Division vide Memo No. 695/26 dated 02.05.2016.”

Sd/-

Shampa Dutt (Paul)  
Registrar  
WBHRC