

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble CM Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has issued instructions to the officer concerned that the reemployment, rehabilitation, and distribution of financial assistance program to the displaced person's who lost land under Mallanna Sagar reservoir shall be completed on a war footing. He said that the compensation to the displaced person's has been almost completed and the remaining little bit shall be completed within few days and a report has to be sent to High Court before 11th of this month. Responding to the issue of payment of compensation and the observations made by the High Court, the CM discussed with the officers. CM reminded about the Government's commitment to providing relief to the displaced persons with a humanitarian approach. The CM expressed his displeasure over circumstances leading to frequent interferences of courts despite so much is being done. The CM has instructed Chief Secretary Sri SK. Joshi to personally monitor and supervise the process of paying compensation to the displaced person's. Responsibilities of monitoring the distribution and compensation payment program at the field level have been entrusted to CMO Secretary Ms. Smita Sabharwal by the CM. The CM has instructed that for the distribution of compensation to the displaced person's camps have to be organized village wise and for this special officers are to be nominated.

“We are constructing the largest Kaleshwaram Project for providing water for irrigation in Telangana for over 40 lakh acres with an estimated cost of one lakh crore. As part of this, we are constructing the Mallanna Sagar Reservoir with 50 TMC capacity. Mallanna Sagar is like the heart of the Kaleshwaram Project. During the process of constructing such a huge reservoir, some people are losing their lands and houses. On this issue the Govt. is taking full care with sympathy and on humanitarian grounds. For the provision of relief and rehabilitation to the displaced person's, with an excellent package, the Telangana Government has been a role model for the entire country. About Rs. 800 Crore is being spent towards compensation and rehabilitation for Mallanna Sagar displaced persons. It is unfortunate despite so much is done circumstances leading to courts interference are happening. This is an unpleasant thing. In the entire process payment of only a small amount of compensation is left out. Taking advantage of these few individuals and anti-progressive elements are making attempts to stall the project itself. The remaining small payment of compensation and distribution shall be completed soon and the dispute has to be settled forthwith” said the CM.

“Distribution of compensation shall be completed on a war footing and the works of Mallanna Sagar Reservoir shall be taken up immediately and expedited like the Konda Pochamma Sagar Reservoir. The reservoir work shall be completed on a war footing within 6 to 7 months. By the end of next June, the reservoir shall be filled with water” issued instructions by the CM.

The official machinery has immediately plunged into action immediately after the CM KCR issued an instruction that the Mallanna Sagar displaced person’s compensation shall be paid on a war footing. CS SK Joshi, who is also handling the Irrigation Department, canceled his proposed USA visit, held a high-level review meeting with top officials of Irrigation and other concerned departments. They have drawn a plan of action for implementing the compensation payment process. CMO Secretary Smita Sabharwal had a meeting with Siddipet Collector Krishna Bhaskar and Sircilla Collector Venkat Rami Reddy who was earlier the collector of Siddipet. She elicited the information about compensation payment and distribution till now and firmed up payment to them. It has been decided to organize special camps in 8 villages under Mallanna Sagar jurisdiction and provide compensation to displaced person’s.

Further the special officers are nominated for Rampur, Laxmapur, Brahmana Banjerupally villages DRO B Chandrashekhar, Siddipet RDO M Jayachandra Reddy, Pallepahad village GADA special officer Muthyam Reddy, Siddipet RDO M Jayachandra Reddy, Hyderabad RDO Srinivas Reddy for Etigadda Kistapur Villages GADA special officer Muthyam Reddy, Siddipet RDO M Jayachandra Reddy, Sircilla RDO Srinivas, for Vemulaghat Village GADA special officer Muthyam Reddy, Siddipet RDO M Jayachandra Reddy, Secunderabad RDO Raja Goud, Husnabad RDO K Anantha Reddy, for Singaram village Gajwel RDO D Vijayender Reddy, Malkajgiri RDO Madhusudhan, for Erravelli Village Gajwel RDO D Vijeyender Reddy have been appointed as special officers.

For Singaram and Rampur villages distribution of cheques to 800 displaced person’s as compensation has begun on Friday. In the rest of the villages under the supervision of a special officer, the distribution of cheques will commence from Saturday. In case if anyone refuses and denies accepting the cheque, their views will be video recorded.

The Telangana Government provided the best of the rehabilitation package to the displaced persons who lost their lands during the construction of the project. For lands for agriculture areas, for wells, for bore wells, for trees, for orchards, for pipelines, already the government provided the compensation. Under the relief, reemployment and rehabilitation package financial assistance is being provided.

The Central Act says that house under Indira Awas Yojana in 60 Square yards of an area at an expenditure of Rs 1.25 lakhs has to be sanctioned. However, the Telangana government for the Mallanna Sagar displaced person’s sanctioning 4 times more than that. Unlike anywhere in the country, the two-bedroom house of 560 Square yards

plinth area costing Rs 5.04 lakhs is being given. These houses are being constructed and given to displaced persons by the Govt., not at a faraway place but within the Municipal limits of Gajwel and adjoining the educational hub in about 460 acres of area. For those who do not want a house, they are given 250 Sq. Yards of house site besides Rs. 5.04 lakh of cash.

For the house that the displaced persons lost in the submerged village, compensation is paid at the rate of Rs.1600 per sq. Yards.

Even for the houses also compensation is paid based on scientific assessment.

In addition to the above, each family will get Rs. 7.50 lakh rehabilitation package.

Unmarried and above 18 years age will also get Rs. 5 Lakh rehabilitation assistance and 250 Sq. Yards of the house site.

Under the rehabilitation package for the house constructed by the Government, concerned Tahsildar will issue the document with RDO signature. As and when required the allottee may either sell or gift away the house. As part of relief and reemployment and rehabilitation, the Mallanna Sagar displaced persons will get a maximum benefit of up to Rs. One Crore.

The details are, each family will get Rs. 7.5 lakh, if there are two major children it will be Rs. 10 Lakh, for them 3 Plots equivalent to 750 Sq. Yards amounting to Rs. 75 Lakh market value besides compensation for house and house sites as per the area.

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