

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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From

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To

The Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack

Sub: Principles for lease of brackish water areas in the State.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the principles for lease of brackish water areas in the State, particularly in the coastal districts were laid down in erstwhile Revenue & Excise Department G.O. No. 33847/R dated 28.7.1993.

2. However, formulation of a revised principle for lease of brackish water areas was under active consideration of Government for sometime past. Government, after careful consideration of the matter and in supersession of the instructions contained in the G.O. cited above, have been pleased to decide as follows:

3. The parties/ persons in whose favour lease will be granted shall be categorized into two separate groups i.e. 1st category and 2nd category.

1st Category :

The lessee intended in the 1st category are again divided into two sub-groups such as Sub-Group-'A' and Sub-Group-'B'.

Sub-Group – 'A'

The following persons are to be included in Sub-Group--'A'

- (a) Beneficiaries of anti-poverty programme.
- (b) Persons under BPL category.
- (c) Fishermen by profession or by caste.
- (d) Landless persons having income not more than Rs.24,000/- per annum.
- (e) Marginal farmers.

Sub-Group-'B'

The following types of lessees are to be included in Sub-Group--'B'

- (a) Educated unemployed persons (Matriculation and above).
- (b) Self Help Group (SHG).
- (c) Primary Fishermen Cooperative Society (PFCS).
- (d) Women Cooperatives.

2nd Category

The following types of lessees are to be included in the 2nd Category:-

- (a) Partnership firms.
- (b) Technical entrepreneurs.
- (c) State Owned Corporations.

4. The Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Department in consultation with the concerned Collectors will identify the area suitable for brackish water pisciculture. The 50% of the suitable brackish water area so identified will be earmarked for the 1st Category of beneficiaries mentioned above and the remaining 50% of the brackish water area will be leased out to the 2nd Category of beneficiaries.

5. For any individual beneficiaries of Sub-Group-'A' of 1st Category, the allotment of land should not be less than 0.5 ha. but should not exceed 1.00 ha., whereas under Sub-Group-'B', the area would be up to 5.00 ha., which may be leased out in their own village. If no villagers come forward to take lease of land in the same village, the prospect of giving lease to the eligible persons of the neighbouring village will be considered. Outsiders generally should not be encouraged as this may have detrimental cascading effect as far as the proper utilisation of land is concerned.

6. The entrepreneurs, firms, corporations etc. coming under the 2nd Category may be allotted land with minimum of 5.00 ha. but not exceeding 10.00 ha., which can be determined on the basis of technical feasibility report as to, be prepared by the concerned District Fisheries Officer keeping the capacity for investment of the firm in view, which shall be approved by the District Level Committee.

7. Lease term will be for a period of 15 (fifteen) years. The land leased out for the purpose shall be summarily resumed if the lessee fails to develop the land for shrimp culture duly registered under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA)

