

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION

No. 11820 Bhubaneswar, dated the 12th March, 2020
RDM-LRGEA-STATUT-0002-2020

Sub:- Constitution of Committee to recommend the maximum extent of government land to be kept reserved as Gochar and for purposes of other communal use in a revenue village

Rule 4 (2) of the OGLS Rules, 1983 provides that while de-reserving any Government land recorded as Gochar, the authorized officer shall assess the reasonable requirement for the purpose of Gochar for use by the community in the following manner:-

- (i) In every surveyed village which is not included within the limits of an urban area, 5% of the effective area of the village shall be set apart for pasturage (Gochar) subject to availability of suitable Government land.
- (ii) In every un- surveyed village, land for pasturage shall be set apart at the rate of 1 acre for every 14 inhabitants of the village and if the village is non- inhabited, reservation for pasturage shall be made at the rate of 1 acre for every 3 persons having land in the village, subject to availability of suitable Government land.

2. Similarly, G.O No. 4898/R dated 28.01.1966 of erstwhile Revenue Department containing instructions for reservation of government land for specific purposes in rural areas , at Paragraph 3 (2), specifies that double the area reserved for pasturage shall be reserved for purposes of village forest and for communal and developmental purposes including homestead for future.

3. In the meantime, Government land has become scarce and demand for such land for various developmental and infrastructure purposes is increasing. Hence, keeping reserved the aforesaid specific extent of government land for Gochar and for purposes of village forest and for communal purposes has become difficult.

4. Further, keeping reserved the aforesaid specific extent of government land for Gochar and for purposes of village forest and for communal purposes has become an impediment for creation of new revenue villages. In many number of proposals relating to Boundary Change Proceedings, the original village does not have the required land i.e. 5% of the effective area which should be reserved for Gochar and 10% of the effective area which should be reserved for village forest and communal purposes in both main village and hamlet. As a result, many proposals are not recommended by Collectors or if recommended, not approved by the DLR&S, Odisha.

5. Keeping the above in view, the State Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to constitute a Committee with the following composition which will revisit the statutory provisions of law and other existing policies of Revenue & D.M Department and make its recommendation regarding the maximum extent of government land to be reserved as Gochar and for purposes of village forest and other communal use in a revenue village.

1	Member, Board of Revenue, Odisha	Chairman
2	All R.D.Cs	Members
3	DLR&S, Odisha	Member- convenor
4	Collector, Khurda	Member
5	Collector, Ganjam	Member
6	Collector, Angul	Member

6. In addition, the Chairman may co- opt any Tahasildar or any other officer working under the administrative control of Revenue & D.M Department, the total number of whom shall not be more than three, as the members of the Committee.

7. As directed by Government, the Committee shall submit its recommendation to Revenue & D.M Department within a month of its constitution.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the extraordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette and copies thereof be forwarded to Revenue & D.M Department and to Chairman and all members of the Committee.

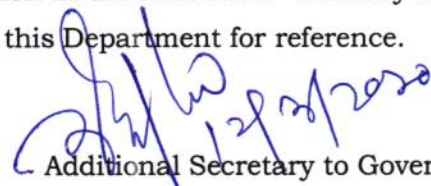
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12/03/2020
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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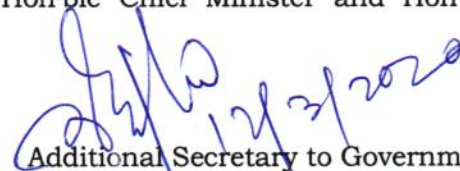
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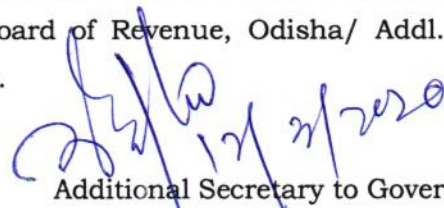
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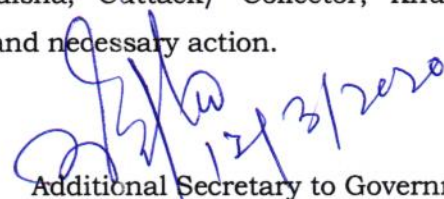
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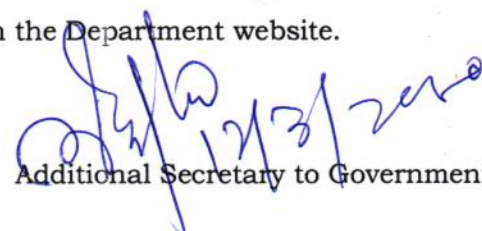
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