

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

No. R&REH-29/2016/ 14158 /R&D.M Dated the 7th May, 2016

From

Dr. Mona Sharma, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors,

Sub: Constitution of District level Independent Multidisciplinary Expert Group to evaluate the SIA Study reports.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that Government, after careful consideration of the provisions of Section-7 of the RFCTLAR&R Act, 2013 have been pleased to authorise the Collector of the District to constitute District Level Independent Multidisciplinary Expert Group by nominating members from following category of persons;

- I. Two non-official social scientists;
- II. Two representatives of Panchayat, Gram Sabha, Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be;
- III. Two experts on rehabilitation;
- IV. A technical expert in the subject relating to the project;
- V. ADM/Sub-Collector may be the convener of the expert group.
- VI. Collector may nominate a person from amongst the members of the Expert Group as the Chairperson of the Group.


2. If the Expert Group is of the opinion that, (a) the project does not serve any public purpose; or (b) the social costs and adverse social impacts of the project outweigh the potential benefits, it shall make a recommendation within two months from the date of its constitution to the effect that the project shall be initiated in respect of the same. The grounds for such recommendation shall be recorded in writing by the Expert Group giving the details and reasons for such decision.

3. If the Expert Group is of the opinion that (a) the project will serve any public purpose; and (b) the potential benefits outweigh the social costs and adverse social impacts, it shall make specific recommendations within two months from the date of its constitution whether the extent of land proposed to be acquired is the absolute bare-minimum extent needed for the project and whether there are no other less displacing options available. The grounds for such recommendation shall be recorded in writing by the Expert Group giving the details and reasons for such decision.

4. The recommendation of the Expert Group shall be published as provided in Rule-16 of the RFCTLAR&R Rules, 2016.

5. Collector on receipt of the recommendation/report of the expert group shall examine the same as per Section-8 of the Act and submit the specific recommendation on bonafide of public purpose, potential benefits, minimum area of land required, minimum displacement of people, minimum disturbance to the infrastructure, ecology and minimum adverse impact of the individuals affected etc. along with SIA Report and Expert Group Report to Government for necessary further action.

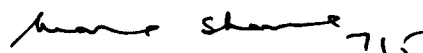
Yours faithfully,

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Principal Secretary to Government

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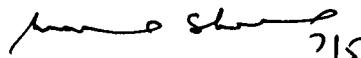
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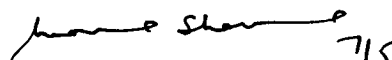
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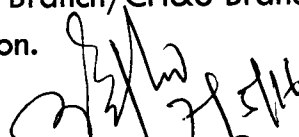
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Joint Secretary to Government.