

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

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Date:7.4.2009

From

G V V Sarma,
Commissioner & Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors.

Sub: Irregularities in management of Sairat sources.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am to state that it has come to the notice of the Government that serious irregularities are taking place in some Tehsils with regard to Sairat sources. It has been noticed that in certain cases the Demand Draft received towards EMD has not been encashed, not credited to Government account and has not been converted into security deposit as required. It has also been seen in some cases that the agreement has not been executed with the highest bidder, even after conducting the auction.

2. This has led to extremely unprofessional situation where the officers have no other choice, but to take plea that the prospective lessee has already started operating the Sairat sources illegally even without executing of agreement. This is also a difficult legal situation, as some such intending lessees have started asking for refund of the money by taking a plea that they have not operated the sairat source.

3. As you are aware every Tehsildar is required to conduct inspection of his own office twice a year. Every Sub-Collector is required to conduct inspection of every Tehsil office once a year. Inspections of Tehsils are also done by the Collector/ADM, apart from Revenue Divisional Commissioners and Member, Board of Revenue as per the scale prescribed by Government letter No.28594/R dtd.19.6.1997. If such inspections are taking place regularly, it is difficult to see how such fundamental lapses have occurred.

4. As several such cases has come up before Hon'ble High Court it is becoming difficult to justify as to how such illegal operation of Sairat sources could be possible without the connivance of the revenue field machinery. If such connivance is happening the second question to be answered is why controlling officers have not initiated disciplinary proceedings which could result in major penalty, in respect of such field officials.

5. You are therefore, requested to instruct all the Tehsildars and other revenue officers in order to strictly ensure that such lapses do not take place. It is specifically required to ensure that all Cheques/Demand Drafts received are credited to Government account forthwith and that all Sairat sources must operate only with valid agreement as per the rules.

6. Action taken on this circular may be intimated to this Department latest by first week of May 2009.

Yours faithfully,

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7/4/2009

Commissioner & Secretary to Government.

Date: 7.4.2009

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Copy to Secretary, Board of Revenue for information and necessary action.


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Commissioner & Secretary to Government.

Date: 7.4.2009

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Memo No. 15829 /R&DM

Copy to R.D.C.(CD), Cuttack/R.D.C.(ND), Sambalpur/R.D.C.(SD), Berhampur for information and necessary action.


7/4/2009

Commissioner & Secretary to Government.

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