

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
Revenue & Disaster Management Department

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From :

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To

The Secretary,  
Board of Revenue, Orissa, Cuttack.

Sub. : Allotment of Homestead land in favour of Green Card Holders of the State.

Ref. This Department Letter No.63324 dt.20.09.1984, No.54229 dt.25.08.1986, No.46613 dt.11.08.1987, No.11743 dt.15.03.1993 and No.29085 dt.10.06.1998.

Sir,

I am to say that Government have already framed a Scheme for providing 8 decimals of homestead land free of premium in rural areas to homesteadless persons holding Green Cards as a measure of incentive for accepting terminal methods. This measure of incentive only benefits those homesteadless Green Card Holders who are living in the rural areas and are willing to get homestead land in such areas.

However, the Green Card Holders of rural areas who are residing in temporary habitations in urban or semi-urban areas for a livelihood could not avail the benefit of the scheme since they had to move out of the urban area to get such benefit at the cost of losing their livelihood.

Recently, the Hon'ble Orissa Human Rights Commission, while disposing of cases filed by some such Green Card Holders, have recommended to the State Government that if such Green Card Holders are earning a living by residing in urban areas, they can be settled with homesteads in the adjoining rural area which may be in close proximity of the area in which they reside, if not in urban locations.

Government, after careful consideration of the above matter, have been pleased to accept the recommendations of the Hon'ble O.H.R.C and decide as follows :

1. A rural Green Card Holder who is a homesteadless person as defined under Rule 2 (dd) of O.G.L.S Rules, 1983 and has been residing in an urban area for his/her livelihood support, may be considered for settlement of Government homestead land in a rural area in close proximity to the urban area in which he/she is at present residing.

Such Green Card Holders, who have been residing in the urban areas in slums and/or in similar temporary habitations, may not actually belong to the urban settlement, but, to some other rural area of the State. Before making allotment of land in their favour, the concerned Tahasildar should ascertain whether they are having any homestead land in their native place or not, by writing to Tahasildar of the originating district, with a copy to both the district Collectors.

In case it is established after due inquiry that such a Green Card Holder is homesteadless and actually eligible as per OGLS Act & Rules, then the Tahasildar shall consider such a case for allotment of land in any rural area under his jurisdiction in close proximity of the urban area in which he/she is at present residing, subject to availability of such land.

2. If no suitable land is available in the vicinity of the urban area in which the Green Card Holder is at present temporarily residing, he/she shall be considered for allotment of land in his/her native village/neighbouring village/village adjoining the neighbouring urban settlement.

The Tahasildar while rejecting the application of such a Green Card Holder on grounds of non-availability of land shall intimate the Tahasildar under whose jurisdiction the applicant is a permanent resident for consideration of his/her case;

3. All such applications of rural Green Card Holders for settlement of land pending before the concerned Tahasildars as on 31.03.2007 shall be disposed of in the manner as prescribed above.
4. In the remaining cases (applications filed after 31.03.2007)/ all such cases that would come up in future, the eligible rural Green Card Holders shall be considered for allotment of homestead land in his/her place of permanent residence/adjoining village or in a rural area at best in the vicinity of the nearest urban location.
5. The Health & Family Welfare Department is being requested separately to indicate the permanent place of residence of the beneficiary in the Green Card in addition to his/her temporary present address wherein he/she is staying at present for his/her livelihood and may undergo terminal methods and come forward to avail the facilities of the Green card in matters of allotment of land.

It is therefore requested that all field level functionaries may be instructed to dispose of the applications for settlement of homestead land in favour of such Green Card Holders accordingly. The earlier instructions issued by this Department in the matter of allotment of land in favour of such persons are modified to that extent.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 16549/R&D.M., Date : 27.04.07

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Joint Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government