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

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

All Revenue Divisional Commissioners  
All Collectors

**Sub: Eviction of unauthorized encroachments**

Madam/ Sir,

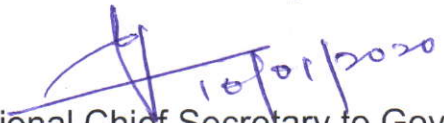
As you are aware, there are elaborate provisions for eviction of unauthorized encroachments in Government land under the Odisha Prevention of Land Encroachment, Act 1972 and Odisha Prevention of Land Encroachments Rules, 1985. Similarly, Odisha Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorized occupants) Act, 1972 provides for eviction of unauthorized occupants of the public premises. Besides, instructions have been issued by this Department to field level functionaries from time to time to take to take proactive steps for prevention/ eviction of encroachments. Despite appropriate provisions and well settled procedures, it has come to the notice of the undersigned that unauthorized encroachments of Government lands, particularly high value urban/ semi-urban lands, lands allotted to educational/ health/ other institutions, water bodies, rivers, rivulets, drains and public roads are rampant through out the State.

2. Government lands are gradually becoming scarce and precious. Very often, it is becoming difficult to provide suitable encumbrance free government lands for more important developmental and infrastructure projects. Besides, encroachments in water bodies, rivers, rivulets, drains and public roads etc create floods and congestion.

3. Funds are being placed every year with the Collectors under the State Plan Scheme "Protection of Government land" from the FY 2009-10 onwards, which can be utilized for engagement of man and machinery for eviction of encroachments and other allied activities for prevention of encroachments like demarcation of Government land, erection of boundary pillars, fencing, construction of boundary walls etc. Out of total amount of Rs.74.23 crores placed under the scheme with different districts as on 31.12.2019, only Rs.33.33 crore have been utilized and more than Rs.40.90 crore lying unutilized till date in the field level. Besides, Rs.5.00 crore has also been placed with the districts in the first week of this month.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to take urgent steps for eviction of encroachments, particularly high value urban/ semi-urban lands, lands allotted to educational/ health/ other institutions, water bodies, rivers, rivulets, drains and public roads on priority and furnish monthly progress reports. Action plan for the purpose must be drawn in advance and executed for eviction purposes. Steps shall be taken to protect the revamped Government land by utilizing the funds placed for the purpose. Revenue Divisional Commissioners will review the progress and furnish MPR to this Department.

Yours faithfully,

  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government