GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

No. GE (GL) S-31/2008 23629 /R&DM Dtd. 28-5-08

From:

G.V.V.Sarma, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

То

All Collectors.

Sub: Alienation of Gochar Land in favour of IDCO/other agencies when the entire village is going to be displaced due to land acquisition for different purposes.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that in some cases entire villages are being acquired and the land transferred to IDCO or other agencies for setting up industrial or other projects in different districts in the State. However, a clarification has been sought for as to whether in such cases the reserved Gochar land situated in the village can entirely be alienated in favour of IDCO or such agencies.

In this connection, after careful consideration, Government have decided as follows:-

When the entire habitation of the village is going to be displaced due to land acquisition for establishment of industries, there seems no need for gochar land in that village. In that case, the gochar land can entirely be alienated in favour of IDCO or any agency, by following prescribed procedure.

Further, it has come to the notice of Government that in some cases, lease of Government land are being sanctioned and possession handed over to IDCO/ other agencies for execution of different projects even when the land or some portion of it is not free from encroachment, which invites further complications.

To avoid such complications, it is incumbent upon the lease recommending authority to ensure that while recommending sanction of lease of Government land for a project, the land should be free from all encumbrances. If the land is under encroachment and is absolutely necessary for the project, steps need to be taken for eviction of such encroachments following due procedure as prescribed in OPLE Act/ Rules before recommending sanction of lease. It is often noticed that some of the encroachers belong

P.T.O.

to the economically weaker sections of the society for which appropriate steps are also to be taken to settle the land in favour of eligible persons outside the proposed project area as per the provisions of OGLS Act/ Rules before recommending lease of the land.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to the field level revenue authorities accordingly under intimation to this Department at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

28/2201

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

28.5.08

Memo No. 23630 / R & D.M. Dtd. Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Orissa, Cuttack/ All R.D.Cs for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

28.5.08 23631 / R & D.M. Dtd. Memo No. Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, IDCO for information and necessary action.

oint Secretary to Government