

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner-cum-Secretaries of all Departments

Sub: Relinquishment of government land alienated/ recorded in favour of different Departments of State Government which are surplus to their requirement or lying unutilized

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to say that demand for government land for various developmental projects and infrastructural activities has increased manifold.

2. However, due to growing scarcity of land, it has become difficult on the part of this Department to make land of required extent available for various projects including projects being funded from the State exchequer. In many occasions, land reserved for specific purposes in RoR are now required to be de-reserved for other public purposes. Since Revenue & D.M Department has not been able to meet the requirement of land for the Administrative Departments, a policy for direct purchase of private land for social development projects has also been formulated and communicated in this Department letter No. 26223/R&DM dated 06.07.2013.

3. So, it is imperative that strict economy is to be observed in the use of government land particularly in urban, semi-urban and fast developing areas.

4. However, it has come to the notice of Government that large extent of government land alienated/ recorded in favour of different Departments of the State Government at different places of the State are either lying un-utilized or not being optimally utilized. In some cases, such un-utilized parcels of land have also been encroached by unscrupulous elements.

5. If the aforesaid un-utilized land and land which is not required for use in the medium term is relinquished to Revenue & D.M Department, it can be subsequently utilized for other developmental/ infrastructural projects thereby leading to overall economic development of the State. This matter was also discussed in the meeting of all Secretaries held recently.

6. In the above context, you are requested to instruct your field level officials to make a survey of all the land recorded in the name of the Department and to assess as to whether the land or any portion thereof is lying unutilized or found surplus to their requirement and to take steps for relinquishment of such land in favour of Revenue & D.M Department for better and more productive utilization of the same.

I am marking a copy of this letter to all Collectors for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

27/8/2019

Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to Secretary to Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack/ all RDCs/ all Collectors for information and necessary action.

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