

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

No. RDM-LRGEA-POLICY-0008-2018- 25731 /R&DM Dated 30.08.2019

From

Nikunja B. Dhal, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub: Relinquishment of land alienated in favour of different Departments, which remain un-utilised

Madam/ Sir,

As you are aware, large extent of government land alienated/leased out in favour of the State Government Departments/ corporations/ organisations/ institutions at different places of the State are either lying un-utilised or not being optimally utilised. In some cases, such un-utilised parcels of land have also been encroached by unscrupulous elements.

2. 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 developmental/ infrastructural projects being funded from the State exchequer. In many occasions, land reserved for specific purpose in RoR is now required to be de-reserved for other public purposes. 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.

3. Keeping the above aspects in view, all Departments of the State Government have been requested vide this Department letter No. 25377/R&DM dated 27.08.2019 with copy to all of you in the next Memo to instruct their field level officials to make a survey of all the land recorded in the name of the concerned Department and to assess whether the land or any portion thereof is lying un-utilised or found surplus to their requirement and if so, to take steps for relinquishment of such land in favour of Revenue & D.M Department for better and more productive utilisation of the same.

4. In this context, you are requested to instruct the Tahasildars to take up joint survey along with the field officials of concerned Departments. In case the recorded/alienated land or portion thereof is found un-utilised or surplus to their requirement, the concerned Department official/s may be asked to take necessary steps for relinquishment of the land in favour of Revenue & D.M Department.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

D 30/8/2019

Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 25732 /RDM Dated 30.08.2019

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

D 30/8/2019

Principal Secretary to Government