

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

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From

Dr. C.S. Kumar, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub: Identification and reservation of government land in urban areas of the State for establishment/ future expansion of Government offices/ buildings or Government Institutions

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to say that as you are aware, availability of suitable government land for establishment or expansion of Government offices/ Institutions in urban areas of the State is becoming scarce day by day. In many cases, due to non-availability of suitable land in centrally located places of the urban area, the Government is being compelled to establish its offices at locations far away from the urban area resulting in inconvenience to the general public.

2. In this context, attention is drawn to this Department G.O No. 25137/R&DM dated 07/07/2006 (copy enclosed). This Department vide the aforesaid G.O had cautioned way back in 2006 that indiscriminate allotment of Government land in urban areas in favour of private institutions may create problems in availability of land for future establishment or expansion of Government offices and Government Institutions and that a situation may arise in future when suitable government land may not be available in urban areas for such purpose.

3. Keeping the above in view, all Collectors had been instructed vide the aforesaid G.O to take appropriate steps to earmark sufficiently large area in urban areas for the above purpose and reserve the same in the manner as described in the OGLS Act, 1962. It had also been advised therein to discourage proposals for lease of such core areas in favour of private Institutions/ individuals.

4. Recently, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee- X, 2017-18 and 2018-19 of the OLA has recommended to Government that

government lands within a radius of 3 to 5 Km from the Block Offices may be reserved for construction of Government offices, Government Qrs., Educational Institutions and for community use purposes.

5. Keeping all the above in view, it is hereby requested that necessary steps may kindly be taken to identify sufficiently large areas in every district Headquarters, Block and Tahasil Headquarters as well as in other commercially developed urban areas and reserve the same under the provisions of the OGLS Act, 1962 for future use of Government. Boundary wall may also be constructed around the lands identified for such purpose by utilizing the funds provided under the scheme "Protection of Government Land" in order to protect the lands from possible encroachment.

6. It is further requested that any proposal by private institutions/ individuals for lease of government land situated within the core area of the urban areas may be discouraged.

All field level revenue functionaries may be instructed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary to Government

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Joint Secretary to Government

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