

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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From

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Joint Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub- Identification of land for compensatory afforestation

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to say that in order to attract investments in industrial projects and to ensure timely taking up of industries, the State Government have decided to identify suitable patches of land, both government land and private land, in areas having industrial potential and future requirements to keep it under one basket with ready to use status, called 'Land Bank' and IDCO has been entrusted with the task of constituting the said Land Bank. This Department vide Resolution No. 31320/R&DM dated 13.11.2015 has already laid down the mode of transfer of government land and acquired private land in favour of IDCO for creation of such Land Bank.

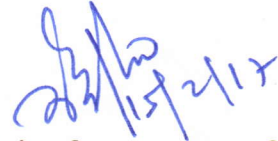
2. Of late, doubts have been raised in certain quarters as to whether land available in the Land Bank constituted by IDCO can be utilized for compensatory afforestation purpose or not.

3. In this context, it may be noted that non-forest government land borne in Abada Ajogya Anabadi khata which are not fit for being leased out for agriculture and other developmental purposes but suitable for raising plantations are kept in Land Bank constituted for compensatory afforestation purpose. Degraded forest lands are also kept in the said Land Bank. On the other hand, lands having potential for development of industries are kept in the Land Bank constituted by IDCO. As has been enunciated in IPR, 2015, such Land Banks shall be converted into Industrial Estates, Industrial Areas and Industrial Parks by making provision of enabling infrastructure.

4. In view of the above, it is hereby clarified that the lands kept in Land Bank of IDCO may not be utilized for compensatory afforestation purpose. As has been instructed in this Department G.O No. 31312/R&DM dated 24.10.2014, land

available in the Land Bank constituted for compensatory afforestation purpose may be provided to the user agencies seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on realization of premium/ land cost. If land is not available in Land Bank constituted for the purpose, project proponents other than Government projects requiring forest diversion should go for private purchase of land or acquire land through land acquisition mode for raising compensatory afforestation.

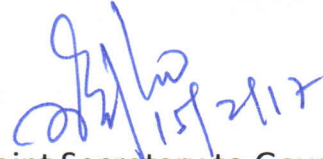
Yours faithfully,



Joint Secretary to Government

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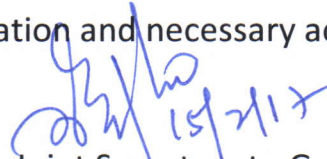
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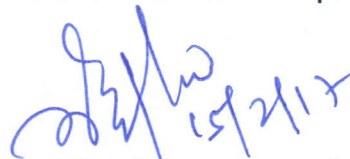
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