

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

No. RDM-LRB-MISC-0021-2019 /R&DM⁵⁷⁹² dated

6 FEB 2020

From

Sri P. K. Mohapatra, IAS

Adl. Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors

Sub: Regarding provisions of 8-A of OLR Act 1960

Madam / Sir,

I am directed to say a new section namely 8-A was introduced in OLR Act as an amendment in the year 1993 and on receipt of the assent of Hon'ble President of India on 15th June, 1994, the same was published in an extra ordinary issue of Odisha Gazette dated the 1st July, 1994. In the said section, it was provided that where the conversion of the use of any agricultural land by a raiyat for the purposes other than the agriculture has been made prior to the commencement of OLR Act (Amendment), 1993 it shall be deemed that the raiyat has surrendered his rayati rights in respect of that land in favour of the Government and in every such case, the land shall be deemed to have been settled, on lease basis under OGLS Act, 1962. In such cases, a lease deed was required to be executed.

However, subsequently, the Government after careful consideration was pleased to amend the erstwhile provision and in the amendment of the OLR Act in the year 2006, it was

provided that the land which are deemed to have been surrendered to Government and settled on lease basis under provisions of OGLS Act, 1962 prior to the date of commencement of OLR Amendment Act, 2006 shall cease to be so surrendered and settled on lease basis be held freely by the raiyat or the transferee as the case may be.

This amendment of Section 8-A of OLR Act has been notified by Law Department vide their Notification No.8906 dt.7.7.2006 and published in Odisha Gazette on the same date. As per the amendment, there is no requirement of execution of lease deed. This is a positive and broad step on the part of the Government. However, several complaints are being received in the Department alleging that though the Revenue Officers are not insisting on lease agreement and on conversion, the land in question is being recorded in 'stitiban' status instead of 'pattadar' status, the citizens are facing inconvenience when land earlier recorded in 'pattadar' status in connection with conversion of land from agriculture to non-agriculture is not being corrected as "stitiban" land in RoR despite filing of application / misc. case for such correction of Sattwa.

Hence, after careful consideration, it is instructed that if any application / misc. Case is filed for correction of 'sattwa' from 'pattadar' to 'stitiban' pertaining to conversion of agricultural land to non-agriculture purpose, the Revenue Officer shall dispose of such applications / misc. cases on priority basis, if found genuine. The Government have been focusing on citizen-centric governance and it is expected that this simple

measure will benefit citizens. These instructions may be brought to the notice of field officers.

Yours faithfully,

05/02/2020
Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Secretary Board of Revenue 21/2/2020
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