

Government of Orissa
Revenue Department
No. LA(C) & R-LA(C)-31/2002(Misc) 61943/R.,
Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 11.12. 2002

From
Shri R.L.Jamuda, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

To
All Collectors /
All Land Acquisition Officers.
Sub: **Abatement of Revenue.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that it has come to the notice of the Government that sanction of abatement of land revenue is not being accorded in respect of the private land acquired under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and communicated to the concerned Tahasildars for appropriate action. As a result, the private lands acquired for public purposes continue to remain in the names of the concerned private individuals. Owing to non-correction of records, in some cases, the private persons continue to occupy the lands, which are vested in Government free from all encumbrances after possession is taken over u/s 16 of the L.A.Act. Instances of acquisition of the acquired land for the 2nd time and consequential payment to the same land owners/their legal heirs have also been reported.

2. You may be aware that Paragraphs 93, 94 & 95 under Chapter-VII of the Land Acquisition Manual deal with abatement of revenue. The L.A.Os. are required to submit a monthly statement in form 38 to the Collector of the district who would pass necessary orders for abatement of rent or revenue, as the case may be. Till the formal sanction of abatement is accorded, it is the responsibility of the Collector to see that collection of land revenue is kept in abeyance from the date following the date of taking over possession of the private lands under land acquisition proceedings. Unless the provisions contained in the L.A. Manual are scrupulously followed and correction of records is made after taking over possession of private lands under land acquisition proceedings, the Govt. would continue to lose the lands acquired under the provisions of L.A.Act.

3. You are, therefore, requested to review this issue in the monthly revenue meeting and ensure that sanction of abatement of land revenue is accorded in the Land Acquisition cases where possession of

private land has been taken under land acquisition proceedings.

4. You are further, requested to issue suitable instructions to the Tahasildars working under your control to ensure that the records are corrected after receipt of orders according sanction of abatement of land revenue and the copies of possession certificates from the Land Acquisition Officers. Similarly the L.A.Os. should be directed to discharge their functions as per the L.A. manual and any deviation in this regard has to be viewed very seriously.

5. Action taken in the matter may please be reported by 31.12.2002 for information of Government.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government