

Government of Orissa
Revenue Department
No. LA(C)-31/2002 (Misc) 63728/R.,
Bhubaneswar, dated, the 21st Dec. 2002.

From

Sri R.L.Jamuda, IAS

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors

All Special Land Acquisition Officers.

Sub : **Expeditious payment/disbursement of compensation to land-losers and handing over of possession of land to Requiring Authority.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that it has come to the notice of the Government that inordinate delay is being caused in disbursing the compensation to the land-losers after making award u/s.11 of the Land Acquisition Act. In some cases, possession of land has been taken without tendering payment of 80% of the compensation for such land as estimated by the Collector to the persons entitled thereto in violation of the provision of sub-section (3-A) of Section 17 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

2. Prior to amendment of the L.A. Act, possession of land was being taken before payment of compensation to the land-losers in case of urgency. Consequently, the landlosers had to face difficulties in receiving their compensation in time. In order to avoid hardship to the landlosers, sub-section (3-A) under Section 17 was inserted in the Land acquisition (Amendment) Act, 1984. Accordingly, before taking possession of the land, the Land Acquisition Collector should tender payment of 80% of the compensation for such land to the persons interested and entitled thereto. Thus the L.A. Collectors are required to scrupulously follow the provision of sub-section (3-A) of Section 17 of the Land Acquisition Act before taking over possession of the land covered under land acquisition proceedings.

3. You are requested to please furnish the information in the enclosed format by 4.1.2003 to the Govt. to facilitate a review of land acquisition cases, where compensation has not been disbursed.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

