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REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 20th February, 2018

1. Some of the provisions of various Revenue Acts governing the land revenue administration of the State which were enacted years back are unable to meet the pressing needs of the changing times. Existence of so many Revenue Acts and Rules also often creates confusion among the field level revenue functionaries in interpretation of these laws.

2. Keeping the above in view, enactment of a single Revenue Code by consolidating and simplifying various Revenue Laws currently in force in the State, by ironing out anachronism from the existing provisions and incorporating the various up-to-date and amended provisions was under consideration of the State Government. Earlier, the Revenue & DM Department had drafted a Bill titled “The Odisha Land Revenue Administration Bill, 2007” codifying a number of Acts relating to revenue administration which has not been finalised yet.

3. In the meantime, revenue administration has undergone a substantial change. The Odisha Special Survey and Settlement Act, 2012 has been enacted incorporating the provisions of high- tech survey; Government have, as a policy decision, discontinued consolidation operation under the provisions of OCH&PFL Act, 1972. Cases under section 8-A of the OLR Act, 1960 are automated i.e. filed online as a measure of ease of doing business. Automation in revenue court cases monitoring system is being developed by Government. Online mutation, cashless transaction is in process. The Department is going to start e- mutation in all Tahasils at the earliest. Provisions for settlement of Government Land have been also amended.

4. The State Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to constitute a Committee consisting of the following members to frame a Revenue Code

taking into consideration the provisions of the draft "Odisha Land Revenue Administration Bill, 2007" and changes affected in the Revenue laws since then.

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| a. Member, Board of Revenue, Odisha | Chairperson |
| b. Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha | Member |
| | Convenor |
| c. Director, Land Records, Surveys and Consolidation, Odisha | Member |
| d. Sri Gangadhar Singh, OAS (Retd.) | Member |
| e. Sri Binod Bihari Mohanty, OAS (Retd.) | Member |
| f. Sri Pravat RanjanGiri, OAS (Retd.) | Member |
| g. Sri Jagannath Rath, Standing Counsel, Board of Revenue, Odisha | Member |
| h. One representative from National Informatics Centre (NIC) | Member |
| i. One representative from Odisha Computer Applications Centre (OCAC) | Member |

5. In case of unavailability of services of any retired member, the Chairman of the Committee shall co-opt any other member having sound knowledge of revenue laws.

6. The code shall be framed with a futuristic outlook and shall contain provisions for automation, wide computer and internet usages, facility for cashless systems, less human interference, seamless transfer of cases records using automation in various offices.

7. The expenses for the above purpose shall be met out of contingency of the Revenue & D M Department.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies thereof forwarded to all Departments of Government / all Heads of Department of Government / Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack / all RDCs / all Collectors for information.

By Order of the Governor

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