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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

All RDCs

Sub: Monitoring of important Revenue cases to augment collection and to arrest loss of Government revenue

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it has come to the notice of the Government that thousands of Bebandobasti cases are still pending in different Tahasils for settlement. Despite detailed instructions issued by Government from time to time, rate of disposal of such cases is not up to the expected level. Thus a large extent of such lands are under occupation of individuals without being assessed to rent. Apart from delay in conferment of land rights with the occupants, this has resulted in loss of revenue to Government.

2. It has also come to the notice that Ac.24118.332 dec of ceiling surplus land has been identified in different Districts, but not distributed to the beneficiaries. As many as 241 ceiling cases involving Ac.10068.324 dec of land are pending in different courts. Out of which, 118 cases (Ac.6543.182) are pending in High Court, 3 cases (Ac.123.460) in Supreme Court and 120 cases (Ac.3401.482) are pending in different Revenue Courts. These cases are being dragged for more than 40 years. Delay in disposal of such cases also results in loss of revenue as well as malpractices like illegal transfer and partition of land holdings, in violation of the provisions of the OLR Act, 1960. The Public Accounts Committee of the Odisha Legislative Assembly in their meeting dated 09.02.2018 have expressed serious displeasure on the high pendency of ceiling cases in different revenue courts including Tahasildars.

3. The State Government have been giving top priority for protection of high value and high risk Government land and funds have been placed with different

Collectors under the Plan Scheme 'Protection of Government land' to protect the land with construction of boundary walls, barbed wire fencing or green fencing, as may be required. Collectors have been instructed time and again to identify such lands and take immediate steps to prevent encroachments. The expenditure made so far is not very encouraging and not less than Rs.25.00 crore is still pending without expenditure in different districts. The Finance Department has also made a provision of Rs.25.00 crore more under this scheme in the Budget of 2018-19.

4. The instances of illegal lifting and transportation of minor minerals like sand, stones, laterite stone, morrum etc. are very rampant and despite repeated instructions to this effect, illegal lifting and theft has not been fully controlled. A number of minor mineral sources have not been operationalised, which becomes the feeding ground for illegal lifting. It has also been reported that the Tahasildars are being brutally attacked by the mineral mafias during their raids in the sairat sources to curb theft of minor minerals. Tahasildars of Jaleswar, Dharmasala, Chilika, Khurda, Tangi and Jatni were attacked by the mafias very recently. Such attacks are happening in most of cases due to absence or inadequate presence of Police force. Such illegal lifting and attacks on Revenue Officers not only cause loss of revenue, but also affect the morale of the officers working in the field.

5. In order to streamline disposal of bebandobasti cases and ceiling surplus cases, it is felt necessary to continuously monitor the same at field level. Similarly, intervention of higher officers is required for proper protection of high value Government land and prevention of theft and unauthorized lifting of minor minerals.

6. After careful consideration, Government have been pleased to direct that the Revenue Divisional Commissioners shall monitor and supervise on regular basis the following cases in addition to their normal duties and responsibilities.

- a) Disposal of bebandobasti cases
- b) Ceiling surplus cases
- c) Protection of Government land and
- d) Minor mineral sairat sources

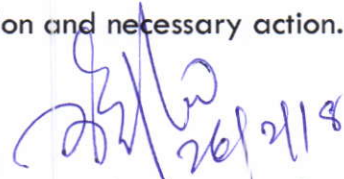
Yours faithfully,

  
Principal Secretary to Government

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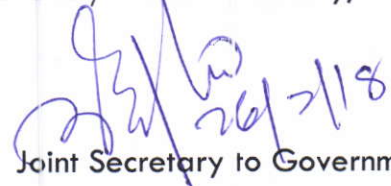


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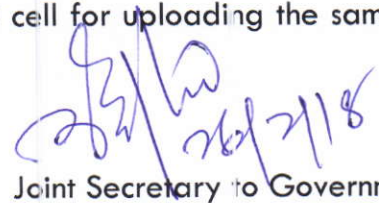


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