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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

No. RDM-LAA-POLICY-0001-2022- ³⁶⁹⁸³ / R&DM, dated **31 OCT 2022**

From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

Collector, Ganjam.

Sub: Return of unutilized land measuring Ac.206.685 dec in village Kalipalli of Ganjam district acquired by IDCO for setting up of industry by M/s TATA Steel Ltd, Gopalpur to the original land owners.

Ref: Your letter No. 214 dated 29.05.2015 and letter No. 236 dated 07.11.2019.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letters on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the proposal for return of unutilized land measuring Ac.206.685 dec in village Kalipalli of Ganjam district acquired by IDCO for setting up of industry by M/s TATA Steel Ltd, Gopalpur to the original land owners was under active consideration of the State Government for some time past. The said land was not utilized in the last two decades or more and there was no possibility in foreseeable future. It is reported that the land owners still continue possession over the land and the same is kept outside the project area of TATA Steel

project. The land owners have been demanding for return of the land to them, which has adversely affected industrial growth in the locality. The decision for return of unutilized land is in the larger public interest in as much as it shall make it easier for development of the balance lands in possession of the State Government. This will help resolve the public discontentment and expedite the process for establishment of other industries in the area. Both IDCO and TATA Steel have agreed to return the land without any claim for the cost and compensation already paid to the land owners

2. In consideration of the larger public interest involved, the State Cabinet in their 50th meeting held on 21.10.2022 have been pleased to approve (i) the proposal for return of unutilized acquired private land measuring Ac.206.685 dec (Ac.203.695 abated and recorded in the name of IDCO and Ac.2.990 not abated) to the original land owners or to their legal heirs, as per the provisions of Rule 20 of the RFCTLAR&R (Compensation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement and Development Plan) Rules 2015 of Government of India, & (ii) The compensation amount including solatium paid to the land owners are waived.

3. The following procedure shall be adopted for implementation of the decision of the State Cabinet.

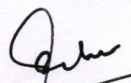
- a. Collector shall issue a notice to the requiring body i.e IDCO and M/s TATA Steel Ltd for whom the land was acquired for giving an opportunity of being heard.
- b. Tahasildar, Chhatrapur and LAO, Ganjam shall jointly verify the legal heirs status in case of deceased land owners and furnish the report to the Collector. After obtaining consent/ views of the requiring body and the joint verification report, Collector shall pass

necessary order in writing for return of the land to the concerned land owners or to their legal heirs, if the original land owner is not alive.

- c. After passing the order, the collector shall take over possession of the acquired land for the purpose of returning the same to the original owner or owners or their legal heirs, as the case may be.
 - d. If the requiring body does not hand over possession of the said land to collector, the collector shall be competent to take the help of the concerned executive magistrate and police force to take possession after giving prior notice to the requiring body and hand over possession to the original land owners.
 - e. On return of the land to the original owner/ owners or their legal heirs, as the case may be, the compensation paid to them shall not be recovered.
 - f. On the basis of the order of Collector, Tahasildar will correct the RoRs in favour of the original land owners or their legal heirs as the case may be through mutation proceeding.
4. *This order has been passed taking into consideration the exceptional situation in the instant case and hence **cannot be cited as a precedence in future.***

You are therefore requested to act upon accordingly.

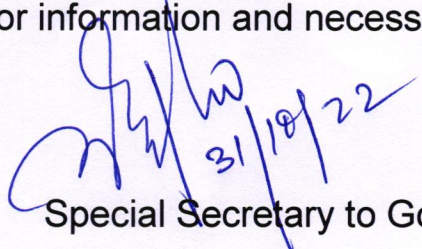
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Additional Chief Secretary to Government

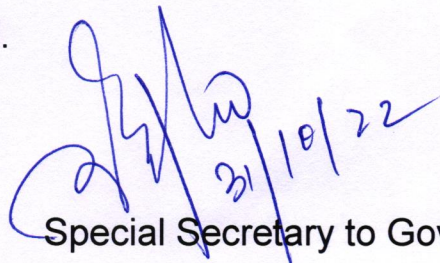
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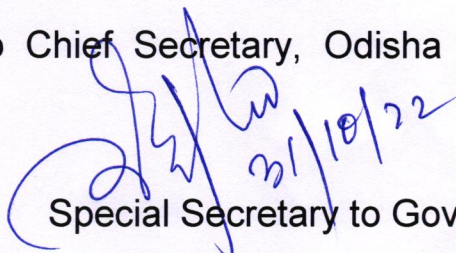
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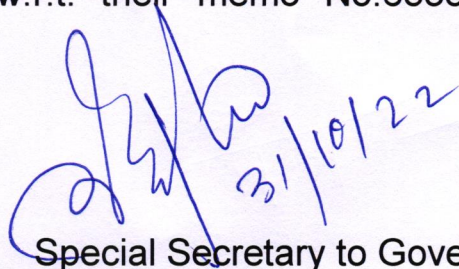
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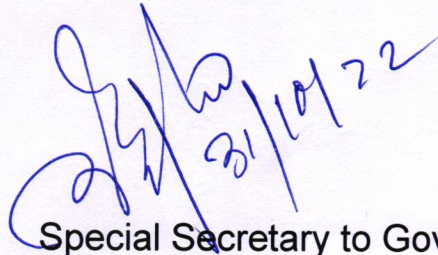
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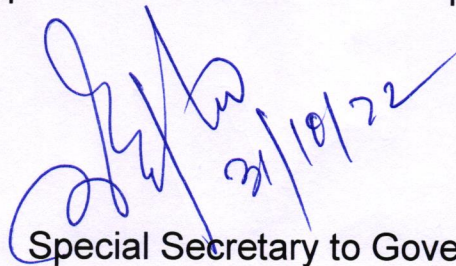


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