

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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19 JUN 2025

From

Shri Deoranjana Kumar Singh, I.A.S.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

**Sub: Identification of homesteadless families in the rural areas of the State for allotment of land under Vasundhara Scheme as per the amended definition of "homesteadless person".**

Ref: Revenue & DM Department Notification No. 18147/R&DM dated 17.05.2025 & Letter No. 19674 dated 30.05.2025

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that the State Government has been giving utmost priority to distribution of housesites to the homesteadless families of the State and for the purpose, the flagship programme namely "**Vasundhara**" is being implemented so as to provide housesites free of premium to the eligible homesteadless families in rural areas of the State.

2. As per the decision of the Government communicated vide this Department letter No. 26640/R&DM dated 07.08.2024, a survey was conducted throughout the State from 16.08.2024 to 31.10.2024 to enumerate the homesteadless families in the rural areas. The process of allotment of housesites to the identified eligible homesteadless families is going on.

3. Recently, the State Government have made the OGLS (Amendment) Rules, 2025 which have come into force on the date of their publication in the Extraordinary Issue of the Odisha Gazette bearing No. 1268 dated 19.05.2025 (copy supplied to you vide this Department Letter No. 19674 dated 30.05.2025).

4. In the said Amendment Rules, 2025, the Government have amended the definition of "homesteadless person" to the effect that the item (ii) under clause (dd) in sub-rule (1) of rule 2 has been substituted as "*does not have any homestead land or owns homestead land less than one- twenty fifth of an acre*".



5. Similarly, sub-rule (2) of rule 7 has been substituted as "The extent of land to be settled in favour of a homesteadless person shall be such that the land so settled with him together with the homestead land, if any owned by him and the homestead land owned by all the members of his family who are living with him in common mess, shall, on no account, exceed one-twenty fifth of an acre. Where the land is not sufficient to accommodate all such persons, settlement shall be made subject to the limit of availability".

6. Further, after sub-rule (2) of rule 7, a new sub- rule (3) has been inserted that "The land settled in favour of a homesteadless person shall be heritable but not transferable."

7. Therefore, pursuant to coming into force of the OGLS (Amendment) Rules, 2025, additional persons will come under the purview of the definition of "homesteadless person" and thus, shall be eligible for settlement of land for homestead purpose.

8. In view of the above, the Government have been pleased to decide to identify the homesteadless families in the rural areas of the State as per the amended provisions of the OGLS Rules, 1983 and to provide them with homestead land in a time bound manner. The identification of homesteadless persons shall be completed by **31.12.2025** and the list of homesteadless families shall be maintained as per the format (**Annexure-I**). The abstract of category wise homesteadless families identified and land settled with them is to be furnished to Revenue & DM Department in the prescribed format (**Annexure-II**) latest by **15.01.2026**.

9. It is further to mention that settlement of land in favour of all eligible homesteadless families as per the new survey list and the pending cases in the old list shall be continued during the identification of homesteadless persons. The land settled in favour of a homesteadless person shall be "**heritable but not transferable**" and shall be recorded in "**Pattadar**" status.


10. You are, therefore, requested to instruct all the concerned field level revenue functionaries to complete the identification of homesteadless persons within the prescribed date and to settle homestead land with all such eligible persons.

Yours faithfully,

  
19/06/2025  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22256 /R&DM, Dated 19 JUN 2025

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack/all RDCs for information and necessary action.

  
19/06/2025  
Special Secretary to Government


Memo No. 22257 /R&DM, Dated 19 JUN 2025

Copy forwarded to all Sub-Collectors/all Tahasildars for information and necessary action.

  
19/06/2025  
Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 22258 /R&DM, Dated 19 JUN 2025

Copy forwarded to P.S. to Minister, Revenue and DM for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.

  
19/06/2025  
Special Secretary to Government

ANNEXURE-I

FORMAT

IDENTIFICATION OF HOMESTEADLESS FAMILIES IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE

Sl. No	Village	Name of the person	S/O W/O	Caste	Occupation	Homestead land owned by the family Members (in acre)	Agricultural land owned by the family Members (in standard acre)	Annual Income	Availability of suitable land for settlement	Whether lease cases instituted or not	Whether proclamation issued or not	Whether land settled with RoR corrected	Whether handing over of possession of land and demarcation made	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

*[Signature]*  
19/06/25

**ANNEXURE-II**

**ABSTRACT**

Name of the District	Name of the Tahasil	No. of Homesteadless families identified							No. of Homesteadless families settled with RoR, handing over of possession and demarcation of land made							Remarks, if any
		ST	SC	SEBC	OTHERS	TOTAL	TRANSGENDER	PwD	ST	SC	SEBC	OTHERS	TOTAL	TRANSGENDER	PwD	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

*[Signature]*  
19/06/2023