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To

The Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha, Cuttack
All Revenue Divisional Commissioners, Odisha
All Collectors

Sub: Adherence to the power to sanction settlement of Government land prescribed under Schedule-II of the Odisha Government Land Settlement Rules, 1983

Madam/Sir,

I am to say that it has come to the notice of the Government that in several instances, proposals relating to alienation/lease of Government land are being referred to the higher quarters including Revenue & Disaster Management Department, for sanction of the same, although the powers to sanction such proposals lies with the competent authorities specified under Schedule-II of the Odisha Government Land Settlement Rules, 1983 (copy enclosed for ready reference).

2. Such references to the higher quarters result in avoidable delays in the sanction of the alienation/lease proposals, thereby affecting the timely implementation of important public projects and developmental activities. It also defeats the intention of Government for decentralization of authorities.

3. Thus, the proposals for alienation/lease of Government land falling within the competency of the Collector/ Revenue Divisional Commissioner or Member, Board of Revenue, Odisha, as the case may be, should be sanctioned at the appropriate level as specified in Schedule-II of the Odisha Government Land Settlement Rules, 1983, so as to ensure expeditious disposal of cases.

It is, therefore, advised that prior to forwarding any proposal relating to alienation/lease of Government land to the Revenue & DM Department, the same shall be carefully examined in accordance with the relevant provisions.

Yours faithfully,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 23905 Dated. 06 JUN 2026
Copy submitted to the Chief Secretary, Odisha for kind information.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 23906 Dated. 06 JUN 2026

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister, R & DM for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.

06/06/2026

Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 23907 Dated. 06 JUN 2026

Copy forwarded to the Principal Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Revenue & DM Department for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.

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Special Secretary to Government

SCHEDULE II

[See Rule 11]

Power to sanction settlement of Government land

Sl. No.	In whose favour	Officer exercising powers	In rural area	In urban area excluding Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Sunabeda
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	[1][In favour of Educational other than Educational Institution mentioned in serial Nos.1B and 1C,] Charitable, Religious, Cultural, Philanthrophic, Literary, Social and Financial Institutions	Collector	Not exceeding one acre	Nil
		R.D.C.	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres	Not exceeding one acre
		Member, Board of Revenue	Exceeding five acres but not exceeding ten acres	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres

1. Substituted by R & D.M. Deptt. Notfn. No. 13970, Dt. 02.05.2022.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
[1][1-A.	In favour of Department of Government	Collector	Not exceeding five acres	Not exceeding one acre
		Revenue Divisional Commissioner	Exceeding five acres but not exceeding ten acres	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres
		Member, Board of Revenue	Exceeding ten acres but not exceeding fifty acres	Exceeding five acres but not exceeding ten acres]
[2][1-B.	In favour of Higher Education or School & Mass Education Department with marfat of concerned Government Degree Colleges, Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools.	Collector	Full power	Full power
1-C.	In favour of Higher Education or School & Mass Education Department with marfat of concerned Aided Degree Colleges, Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools.	Collector	Not exceeding fifteen acre	Not exceeding ten acre.]
2.	In favour of Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies, and Corporations established under any law for the time being in force	Collector	Not exceeding one acre	Not exceeding one acre
		R.D.C.	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres
		Member, Board of Revenue	Exceeding five acres, but not exceeding ten acres	Exceeding five acres, but not exceeding ten acres

1. Inserted by O.G.L.S. (Amendment) Rules, 1987 w.e.f. 18.11.1987 vide Notfn. No. 62451/R/ Dt. 20.10.1987.
2. Inserted by R & D.M. Deptt. Notfn. No. 13970, Dt. 02.05.2022.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4.	In favour of Live Stock, Farms in private sector	Collector	Not exceeding two acres, five acres with recommendation of Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services	Not exceeding one acre
		R.D.C.	Nil	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres
5.	In favour of Orissa Cashew Development Corporation and Orissa Forest Corpn. for Cashew plantation	Collector	Any event subject to availability and suitability	Nil
6.	In favour of Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation for Industrial purposes	Collector	Ditto	Any extent subject to availability and suitability
7.	In favour of individuals for homestead purposes	Collector	Nil	As per plotings made in the plan, approved under Rule 3(1)
8.	In favour of landless agricultural labourers for agricultural purposes	Tahsildar subject to confirmation by Sub-Divisional Officer	Up to one standard acre or to the extent to which the land already owned falls short of one standard acre (as defined in the O.L.R.Act, 1960)	Nil
3.	In favour of small and medium Industries	Collector	Not exceeding five acres on the recommendation of the Dist. Industries Centre	Not exceeding one acre on the recommendation of the Dist. Industries Centre

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		R.D.C.	Exceeding five acres but not exceeding ten acres on the recommendation of the Dist. Industries Centre	Exceeding one acre but not exceeding five acres on the recommendation of the Dist. Industires Centre
9.	In favour of homesteadless persons	Tahsildar, Subject to confirmation by Sub-Divisional Officer	Not exceeding [1][ten] decimals	Nil
10.	In favour of Co-operative Societies	Tahsildar, Subject to confirmationby Sub-Divisional Officer	Not exceeding one standard acre per each member of the society	Nil
11.	In favour of ex-Servicemen	Ditto	Up to one standard acre	Nil
12.	Another person not included in the above category			
	(i) Displaced persons of irrigation project	Tahsildar, subject to confirmation of the Sub-Divisional Officer	As per scheme formulated by Government from time to time. Up to one standard acre	Nil
	(ii) Displaced persons of other project or categories			
	(iii) Anyotherperson			
13.	For salt manufacture	Government	Full powers	

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
[1][14. For Brackish water Pisciculture/ Prawn culture		(i) Collector	Not exceeding ten hectares on the recommendation of District Level Committee	Nil]
		(ii) Government	Full powers	Full Powers]
15. For coffee plantation		Government	Full power	Full power]
[2][15-A In favour of a Department/ Authority of State Government or Central Government for execution of project whose layout has been approved by the Admini-strative Department concerned of State Govern-ment, being a linear project for laying of a highway, road or railway line including a bridge or flyover, drainage or sewerage line.		Collector	Full powers	Full powers]
16. Any other purposes		Do	Ditto	

1. Substituted by O.G.L.S. (Amendment) Rules, 2013 (O.G.E. No. 881 dt. 9.5.2013 - SRO Notfn. No. 323/2013 dt. 7.5.2013).
2. Inserted *ibid*.