

**PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING OF ALL SECRETARIES/
SPECIAL SECRETARIES HELD ON 16.08.2007 at 10.00 AM IN
THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE HALL OF THE
SECRETARIAT**

The Chief Secretary was in Chair.

The Chief Secretary expressed his concern over the increasing number of cases pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa relating to various Departments. He emphasized on the urgency of timely submission of the counters/ rejoinders and monitoring of the pending cases closely to safe guard government interest.

Department wise review of number of cases pending as on first of June, 2007 and their present status was reviewed in detail.

1. The Chief Secretary observed that the pending cases should be physically verified to ascertain the exact number of pending cases. Then those cases should be classified in to various categories and deadlines should be fixed accordingly. Besides, A suitable monitoring system should be developed.
2. To facilitate timely action, a special messenger may be authorised to collect the plaint copies and other important papers from the Office of the Advocate General on daily basis.
3. While reviewing/ monitoring the cases, if it is considered necessary to engage Special Standing Counsel or if additional man power is required to safeguard Government interest, Government order may be obtained.
4. The implications of Article 226 (3) of the Constitution of India is to be examined in detail so as to chalk out suitable strategy to safe guard government interest.
5. The Principal Secretary Home Department shall submit a proposal for safeguarding government land situated in Bhubaneswar area through quick, high-tech survey along with scanning of sabik revenue records.
6. All para-wise comments pending and affidavits to be filed must be complied immediately and within two months at any cost.
