

**Government of Orissa
Revenue & Disaster Management Department.**

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Date:15.11.2008

From

G. V. V. Sarma,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

To

The Collector and District Magistrate, Kandhamal.

Sub: Assessment to be made to the damage of Churches and other religious places in the Kandhamal District during recent violence.

Sir,

With reference to letter No.1533 /Emg. Dtd.27.10.2008 addressed to Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department regarding the above subject I am directed to communicate the Government decision on the points raised by you as follows:

1. 'Church and other religious places' would include Churches, Prayer Halls, Temples, Mosques, Gurudwaras, Buddha Vihars, Jain Temples, Adivasi Prayer Halls etc. and would also include Nuns' training institute, Pastors' training institute and similar institutions of other faiths.
2. The assessment should be made in order to determine the cost involved in reconstruction of the structure. Therefore, a joint assessment of a team of Government officials including the Revenue Inspectors of the area with due notice to the members of the victim community of the local area, should be taken up.
3. Movable property damaged / burnt during the riots will not be compensated by the Government, due to the difficulties in making a realistic assessment at this stage.
4. Assessment will be done for the institutions damaged irrespective of whether they are on Government land or forestland or private land. However, before release of the money, the concerned representatives of the institutions will be required to furnish an undertaking that in case of objectionable land under any law / Regulation in force, they would reconstruct the building on an unobjectionable site.

5. You are requested to see that the assessment of damages is done in categories as follows:

For prayer halls: (a) Fully damaged, a compensation of Rs.50,000/-

(b) Severely damaged, a compensation of Rs.20,000/-

(c) Partially damaged, a compensation of Rs.10,000/-

For churches: (a) For severely damaged : Rs.2.00 lakh

(b) For partial damaged : Rs.1.00 lakh

You are, therefore, requested to go ahead with the assessment of the damages as mentioned above and indicate the complete assessment at the earliest and not later than 25th November, 2008.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

Memo No. **48166** /R&D.M. Date: **15.11.2008**

Copy to Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department for favour of information.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.