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Revenue & Disaster Management Department

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From

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Chief Secretary & Chief Development Commissioner.

To

All Collectors.

Sub: 'Mo Jami – Mo Diha'
(My land – My homestead) campaign.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that a campaign would be launched forthwith to confirm and protect the land rights of the poor in the State. The objectives of this campaign are (a) to protect and ensure the land rights of the poor, who were allotted lease of Government lands earlier or restored their lost land (b) to achieve convergence with developmental schemes to see that the land allottees are in a better position to utilise the land and (c) to assist the poor, with emphasis on those belonging to ST and SC communities, to retain their land and homestead within the existing legal framework.

The campaign will work in two ways. All the claims as per records will be seen sou motu and the data from the case records will be verified on the ground. Parallely, data collected from the field through the campaign by means of applications/grievance petitions etc. shall be cross-checked with the Tehsil office files/case records to decide follow up action. Complains about common property government land an communal lands in forcible possession of the influential and the rich in the village would be enquired into and corrective measures taken. The following will be the components of the campaign. In order that a campaign approach is started, "Mo Jami Mo Diha" Melas be held in each Tahsil during the period 10th Sept to 10th October where all the RIs would attend and grievance petitions be collected from the dispossessed. Sub-Collectors, Tahasildars, Addl. Tahasildars shall attend these melas throughout the day and Collector/ADM shall attend the inaugural function. In the months of January-February the second set of melas be organised where after the disposal of the suo motu enquiry and the grievance petition confirmation of possession certificates would be distributed to the satisfaction of the beneficiaries.

1. 100% physical verification of possession of ceiling surplus land allottees: So far about 1,59,384 acres of land has been allotted to 1,42,616 persons. Of this, 66,303 acres of land was allotted to 52,934 ST beneficiaries, 51,109 acres to 48,794 SC beneficiaries and the rest to others. The campaign aims to verify physical possession in 100% of all these cases, within the period upto end of December 2007.

2. 100% physical verification of homestead land lease cases: So far about 12,13,655 persons have been given lease of homestead land, of whom 4,62,536 are members of the Scheduled Tribes and 3,32,706 are of the Scheduled Castes. The campaign will verify whether each one of them is in possession of the land. You are also instructed to identify such of these allottees who have still not been able to construct a house and take necessary steps for assistance in Indira Awas Yojana.

3. 100% physical verification of wasteland distributed for agriculture purpose: So far about 4,78,469 persons were given lease of wasteland for agriculture purpose, of whom 2,31,630 were from ST and 1,04,235 from SC communities. A total land of 7,36,491 acres was leased in this manner, of which Ac 3,84,364 were for ST persons and Ac 1,75,576 were for SC persons. One of the main reasons for the poor not being able to retain their possession on land could be that the supporting facilities to enhance their retentive capacity were not operational. Therefore you are instructed to verify all the wasteland cases before end of December 2007 and to initiate steps for convergence with other developmental programmes for enhancing the productivity of such lands. This includes programmes like Biju Krishak Vikas Yojana, SGSY, SGRY, BRGF and RSY, Farm Ponds apart from NREGA in the NREGA districts. Government instructions issued for development of fishery tanks vide Panchayati Raj Department Circular No.18222 Dt.23.12.06 are also relevant in this regard. This should also include linkage with banks, self help groups in existing programmes. You are requested to see that the data desired during this campaign is used as feedback for Annual Credit Plan. Follow up action should be taken up through the District Credit Committee for active participation by the Bankers.

4. 100% verification of restored cases of Regulation 2 of 1956: So far 62,145 cases were decided in favour of Scheduled Tribe persons, involving restoration of an area of Ac 57,240. You are instructed to ensure that the verification is conducted in all these cases as to physical enjoyment of these lands.

5. 100% verification of restored cases under Section 23 of OLR Act: 33,242 persons were restored Ac 36,496 of land so far. Of these, 22,970 are members of the Scheduled Castes, involving an area of Ac 20,827 and the rest were of members of the Scheduled Tribes. You are instructed to see that the teams will verify all these cases regarding the physical possession of the lands.

6. Legal assistance: In all cases where the allottee or his/ her legal heir is not in occupation, assistance must be rendered in all possible means. In all cases where the lack of possession is due to pending litigation, the specific case matter should be gone into in detail, i.e. whether necessary petition/ counter has been properly filed, petition for expeditious disposal before the concerned Civil Court filed etc. If the litigation is pending in a Revenue Court, it should be disposed off on priority. All pending litigations of ceiling surplus lands should also be reviewed 100% before end of December 2007 and necessary petitions must be filed in the appropriate Courts for expeditious disposal. The forum of 'Lok Adalat' should be explored to dispose off the matters in favour of the poor, whether the matter involves a case of OPLE, OGLS or any other case of civil nature.

7. Action against offenders: Provisions of law must be strictly invoked against offenders, who may be preventing the allottees to enjoy the possession of land. Powers under Sections 107,109,113,144 and 145 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, punitive sections under Regulation 2 of 1956 and OLR Act must be exercised wherever required.

8. Camp court approach: All cases of verification and follow up should be done invariably on the ground by giving due intimation to the persons concerned. Wherever required, oral evidence should be recorded and the forum of Gram Sabha/Palli Sabha should be utilized for corroborative purposes to resolve disputes on the fact of possession. The beneficiaries/ allottees should not be made to run around the Tehsil or other offices.

9. Dissemination of information: It is extremely important to share information widely with the beneficiaries. It is also necessary to dispose off current OPLE, OGLS and other revenue cases in a timely manner. You are requested to hold workshops at the Sub-divisional level and solicit the support of able NGOs to facilitate the campaign. A sum of Rs 25,000 is being allotted to each Tehsil, to facilitate mobility and other miscellaneous expenditure connected with this campaign. If any additional funds are needed, you may make specific proposal under the appropriate scheme with detailed justification.

10. Monitoring and review: The progress of the campaign must be monitored very closely. Progress of the campaign should be invariably placed in the meetings of the Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad as one of the agenda items, till end of this financial year. In all districts having Scheduled Areas, the progress must be discussed in the Sub-Divisional level Task Force and District Task Force meetings. The monthly progress report must be furnished in the enclosed format. Collectors must ensure that the reports are invariably sent before 5th day of the succeeding month, by email. **It must be noted that if 5th happens to be a Government holiday, the working day before should be the date to furnish the MPR to the Government in the Revenue and Disaster Management.** Copy of the MPR should be endorsed to RDC and Board of Revenue. Progress of this campaign will be reviewed closely and test checks will be conducted in the villages by all supervising officers including the Collectors, Revenue Divisional Commissioners and visiting Secretaries.

11. Land pass books: The revenue field machinery is required to be alert and active during this entire campaign in order to see whether the beneficiaries and other recorded tenants have received their land pass books or not. The campaign should result in significant progress in issue of land pass books, so as to reach the target.

Wide publicity and transparent implementation in a time-bound manner must be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as stated

Sd/- **A.K. Tripathy**
Chief Secretary & Chief Development Commissioner.

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Copy forwarded to Member, Board of Revenue, Orissa, Cuttack for favour of information.

Sd/- **G.V.V. Sarma**

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

MPR of _____ district under "Mo Jami - Mo Diha" for the month of _____

Sl. No.	Name of the Tehsil	Ceiling Surplus		Homestead land lease cases		Agricultural Waste land cases		Regulation 2 of 1956 (for scheduled areas)		OLR Section 23 cases		Legal Assistance		Criminal Action							
		Total No. of cases	Number physically verified during the month	Number in which possession is satisfactory	Total No. of cases	Number physically verified during the month	Number in which possession is satisfactory	Total No. of cases	Number physically verified during the month	Number in which possession is satisfactory	Total No. of cases	Number physically verified during the month	Number in which possession is satisfactory	Opening balance	No. of new cases taken up	Number in which legal assistance has been tied up	Section of law	No. of cases initiated during the month			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22