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To

The Secretary, Board of Revenue, Odisha, Kataka/

All RDCs/

All Collectors/

DLRS, Odisha, Kataka

Sub: Expeditious disposal of revenue cases relating to the properties of Lord Shree Jagannatha Mahaprabhu, Bijie Puri, and other allied matters concerning the protection and management of the Temple's landed properties.

Madam/Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that several issues relating to the recording, protection and management of the lands belonging to Lord Shree Jagannatha Mahaprabhu, Bijie Puri, require urgent attention. It is considered imperative that the District Administration intervenes promptly to safeguard the properties of Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannatha and ensure their proper protection in accordance with law.

In this context, you are requested to personally monitor the following matters and ensure that necessary action is taken on priority, strictly in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions and the instructions issued by the Government and specific orders of Hon'ble Courts circulated by the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) from time to time:

1. Ensure expeditious disposal of the 11,675 Miscellaneous Revenue Cases instituted by the Shree Jagannatha Temple Administration (SJTA) in various Tahasils of Khordha, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Baleshwar, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Ganjam, Kataka, and Kendrapada districts, in compliance with the directions of the Board of Revenue, Odisha, Kataka, communicated vide Letter No. 1958 dated 27.10.2022.
2. Ensure prompt implementation of the orders passed by the Hon'ble Member, Board of Revenue, in 257 cases instituted by the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) under Section 7(A) of the Odisha Estates Abolition Act, copies of which have already been communicated to the respective Tahasildars.
3. In appropriate cases, the concerned Tahasildars may be instructed to examine the Record-of-Rights of the year 1927-28 and take necessary steps for correction of the Khewats, wherever warranted, keeping in view that the vesting notification dated

18.03.1974 relating to the Endowment of Lord Shree Jagannath under the Odisha Estates Abolition Act has been set aside by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. While disposing of cases relating to the Endowments of Lord Shree Jagannatha Mahaprabhu, the Presiding Officers, including the Tahasildars, may be advised to verify the relevant pre-Sabik Record-of-Rights published during the years 1888-89, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1929-30, and 1977-78, together with other connected historical revenue records, wherever applicable, so as to ensure correct determination of title and recording of the endowment properties in accordance with law.
5. Necessary steps may be taken to furnish authenticated copies of the Pre-Sabik and Sabik Record-of-Rights, together with the Sabik-Hal correlation reports, wherever available, to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) at the earliest, so as to facilitate the effective filing and prosecution of cases before the Board of Revenue, Odisha, Kataka.
6. Suitable and experienced field functionaries, such as Revenue Inspectors, Amins, and other revenue personnel, may be deployed, wherever feasible, for the identification, verification, and protection of the lands and land records pertaining to Lord Shree Jagannath Mahaprabhu, Bije Puri. They may also be tasked with undertaking regular field verification and surveillance to prevent unauthorized occupation, encroachment, fraudulent claims, or creation of private interests over the lands of the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA).
7. You are, therefore, requested to accord top priority to the above matters and ensure close supervision of the actions taken by the concerned revenue officers. The progress of the above issues shall be reviewed regularly in the monthly District-, Sub-Divisional-, and Tahasil-level Revenue Meetings, and a monthly progress report shall be furnished to this Department.

The District Administration shall ensure that all necessary measures are taken for the effective protection and preservation of the properties of Lord Shree Jagannatha Mahaprabhu, Bije Puri, so as to safeguard the interests of the Deity and minimize avoidable litigation.

This may please be treated as **Most Urgent** and accorded the highest priority.

Yours faithfully,


Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Memo No. 30051

Dated. 13 JUL 2026

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Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 30052

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Additional Secretary to Government

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Additional Secretary to Government

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Additional Secretary to Government

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