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Transform the Urban Slum to Livable Habitats- Chief Secretary Sri Mohapatra

All eligible HHs to be provided houses under Jaga Mission

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Transform the urban slums to livable habitats with basic road, electricity, drinking water and community space facilities directed Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra while reviewing the progress of the grant of land rights to slum dwellers in a high level meeting held in *Lokseba Bhawan* conference hall today wherein Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development Sri G. Mathivathanan outlined the issues for discussion.

Reviewing the progress, Chief Secretary Sri Mohapatra directed to provide land rights to all the eligible houses under Jaga Mission as announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister. Principal Secretary Sri Mathivathanan appraised that Odisha's Jaga Mission has been recognized as a Pioneering Model by United Nations. It is world's largest slum titling project. The Mission has also got HUDCO's Best Practice Award for the year 2018-19. Janagha, a leading international civil society organization working for improvement in urban living conditions has also conferred Best State Award on Odisha for the year, 2020.



Review show that drone survey and socio-economic survey in 48 municipalities and 61 NACs have been conducted as per the Land Right to slum Dwellers Act of 2017. Around 1.65 lakh households (HHs) have been identified and listed for grant of land rights. Out of them 60,000 HHs have already been given the Land Right Certificate. The balance About 1.5 lakh HHs have been issues land entitlement letters.

Chief Secretary Sri Mohapatra directed revenue and disaster management department to expedite the matters relating to demarcation and conversion *etc* so that land rights against the landless HHs in slums can be settled. Further, Sri Mohapatra directed that provisions of the Forest Conservation Act should be adhered to while laying the minimum basic infrastructure in the forest category land within the urban areas.

Additional Chief Secretary Forest and Environment Dr Mona Sharma, Principal Secretary Revenue and Disaster Management Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Law Sri Sashikanta Mishra, Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development Sri G. Mathivathanan, Director Municipal Administration Sri Sangramjit Nayak, Additional Secretary Revenue and Disaster Management Sri Avaya Kumar Nayak along with other senior officers of concerned departments participated in the discussions.

****U.K. Mohapatra, PRO to Chief Secretary****