

LEGAL_AWARENESS FROM 2020 IN AUGUST 2022 46 EMAIL DATED 16 01 2022 TO CABINET SECRETARY NEW DELHI AND CHIEF SECRETARY ODISHA REGARDING FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN BPL SCHEMES

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Sir

SUBJECT- FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN BPL SCHEMES IN ODISHA FINANCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY CENTRE AND STATE GOVERNMENTS FROM THE REVENUE COLLECTED BY CENTRE AND STATE GOVERNMENTS

Please refer to my earlier correspondence in the above mentioned matter and till date you have not clarified the issues related to various irregularities found in the schemes only meant for BPL segment of Odisha.

It is observed that undeserving candidates have availed schemes only meant for BPL segment of Odisha in collusion with the authorities issuing income certificates, residential certificates and others required documents to obtain the BPL card as it is the backbone and measuring rod for obtaining other benefits/schemes by the government.

You are requested to provide the basic eligibility criteria/ guidelines to get a BPL card in Odisha.

You provide the following

1. Name and address with contact number of the authorities issuing BPL cards districtwise in Odisha because you claim that everything has been digitalized.
2. List of the BPL card holders ward wise in Cuttack CMC Odisha.
3. List of all government schemes in operation for BPL segment in Odisha
4. Name and designation of the authorities/persons identifying the BPL segment in every ward of Cuttack CMC Odisha.
5. Name and address of ration shops with license number in every ward of Cuttack CMC who distribute PDS and are in charge of distributing other freebies through their ration shops
6. Name and address of the co-ordinator who co-ordinates and acts as a middleman between the BPL segment and government schemes in CMC Cuttack, Tahsildar Sadar Cuttack, Collector Cuttack etc
7. SOP for monitoring financial irregularities in the matter of distribution of PDS.
8. Details of different government schemes both cash and kind for BPL and the link to the website where all the data is available related to the name, address, Aadhar card, Voter ID of the beneficiaries can be accessed.
9. What is the basic income deciding BPL segment in Odisha and what is the basic income deciding Middle Income Group(MIG) segment of Odisha.
10. What is the SOP for updating BPL segment and in what interval it is calculated
11. What is the total amount of money allotted for the BPL schemes in the Budget in between 2011 to 2021
12. What is the total amount of money allotted exclusively for the MIG segment of Odisha as it is done in BPL case in the Budget.
13. Provide the data regarding the total number of MIG persons in Odisha as you have the data about number of BPL and number of beggars in Odisha
14. Has the government ever counted the number of MIG families and members therein in between 2011 to 2021 in Odisha . Provide details
15. Has the government ever counted the increase/decrease in the numbers of both MIG and BPL in between 2011 to 2021 in Odisha . Provide details

16. Provide details about the authorities who inspect the irregularities and corruption of siphoning the public money in the form of government schemes which are financed from tax payer's money
17. Has the government ever counted the number of MIG families in Odisha and kept details about their residential buildings along with Holding Tax specifically in Cuttack in between 2011 to 2021 in Odisha . Provide details
18. Has the government ever checked about number of MIG families in Odisha renting out their houses to tenants and how the Holding Tax is collected ie domestic tariff or commercial tariff and in what interval it is verified/data kept in digital form.
19. The SOP for landlords to pay the Holding Tax if it is rented out ie any specific application form for self declaration about their tenants and the nature of the Holding Tax. Provide details about the charges of Holding Tax per sq feet for domestic and commercial.
20. Provide details about the discount and privilege given to the BPL segment by TPCODL in Cuttack.

Under the circumstances it is assumed that due to lack of transparency, partiality between MIG and BPL done by the government for vote bank politics is the breeding ground of corruption which lures the MIG group to enroll themselves by falsifying the facts in BPL segment as they think although they are major contributors towards the state exchequer; they always remain empty handed even during the time of Corona pandemic.

During last two years of Corona pandemic the Odisha government has not done a single favour or a single freebie given to the MIG group in the form of free ration, exemption in educational fees, house rent , electricity bill, gas cylinder, medical help, financial allowance and many other things which are given free of cost to the BPL segment.

Such type of activities specifically by the government is creating friction and encourages corruption among different segments of the society.

The MIG segment is always at the receiving end and has to seek judicial intervention for everything including enforcing their fundamental rights and it is proved that compensation of Rs 50,000 for death in Corona is sanctioned by Hon'ble Supreme Court and only then the procedure started.

The BPL schemes both in the form of cash and kind and housing are jointly or in collaboration done by both centre and states.

If the above raised issues and complaints are not satisfactorily redressed with factual evidences in writing as asked then I may seek the intervention of Hon'ble Court to set the wrongs right and I may pray for court commissioner along with NLU students to be appointed as volunteers to keep the corruption in check and get field experience of actual democracy in wards of Cuttack in specific.

This representation may be treated as compliance to PIL guidelines.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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