

## Akhil frowns at Himanta



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**Guwahati/New Delhi:** A New Delhi based high octane [news portal](#) broke a story on a nefarious land scam involving Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's family members that touched off a seismic wave of reaction in the social media from Wednesday.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
REVENUE (SETTLEMENT) DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI  
No.RSS.1467/2006/4 Dated Dispur, the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2006.

From : Shri C.K. Das, IAS,  
Addl. Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Assam,  
Revenue Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

To : All Deputy Commissioners,  
(Except BTAD and Hill Districts)

Sub : Condition pertaining transfer of newly settled land.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government have been settling land with various organisations/individuals realising premium throughout the State. The land man ratio in the State is very unfavourable and compared to the population of the State. The landman ratio is for habitation and agriculture is very meagre. Government have also been settling land on Annual lease and also converting the annual leases to periodic leases from time to time on realisation of a very nominal amount as premium which is to the extent of Rs.20/- only in case of agricultural land. In case of direct settlement of land in town areas the premium realised by Government is also on concessional basis so as to give the benefit of land title to the poor occupiers.

The objectives of such settlement and conversion is to provide land title and legal rights to the landless people residing on those lands so that they can also take loan etc. for house building and agricultural and allied activities.

But unfortunately, it is seen that in many areas after getting settlement or conversion of a plot of land, some people resort to selling of the same to some real estate dealers. It is not in tune with the spirit of the Government objectives. It is not the desire of the Government that land should concentrate in the hands of few individuals who can create problems in times to come by raising land prices beyond the reach of common man.

Therefore, it has been decided by the Government that land settled or converted to periodic lease on realisation of premium in the process already stated above, shall not be transferred by way of sale, mortgage, lease, gift, etc for the next ten years from the date of issue of settlement order or from the date of taking over possession whichever is later. This will also be applicable in case of an attorney exercising his/her power to transfer of a plot of land nominated by the concerned land holder.

Therefore, you are requested kindly to make a remark in the appropriate column of the Chittha while correcting the land records in respect of such converted settled land to the extent that the land shall not be allowed to be transferred till the date on which the period of ten years is completed as stated above. This would necessitate that while submitting proposal for no objection to transfer of a particular plot of land, the LR staff must indicate specifically in his/her report about the eligibility to transfer of the land under this specific condition. This will also be applicable to all the settlements made earlier which have not completed 10 years period. After 10 years period the matter regarding selling of the land will be as per procedure stated in the Government Circular No. RSS.1467/2006/2, dated 4-12-2006.

It is also considered necessary that in view of the fact that large number of tribal people and the tenants are selling their land after obtaining ownership rights over their tenanted land or getting either settlement or conversion of their occupied land. This is not desirable. Unless land of such weaker sections of people are protected urgently, there will be growing numbers of landless people consequently resulting into economic deprivation and social tension etc.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Illegible,  
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Revenue Department.

Memo No.RSS.1467/2006/4-A Dated Dispur, the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2006

Copy to :-

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
2. The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur
3. The Commissioners of Divisions.
4. The Director of Land Records & Survey, Assam, Rupnagar, Guwahati-32
5. The Deputy Commissioners of BTAD and Hill Districts. They are requested to bring this to the notice of the respective Chief Executive Members of the Sixth Schedule areas for taking necessary actions as they may deem fit.
6. P.S. to Minister, Revenue, Assam, Dispur.

By order etc.,  
Sd/- Illegible,  
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Revenue Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
REVENUE (SETTLEMENT) DEPARTMENT  
SETTLEMENT BRANCH  
No. RSS.1467/2006/7 Dated Dispur, the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1989.

From : Shri G.C. Medhi, A.C.S.,  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To : (1) The Deputy Commissioners (All) } of the State  
(2) The Sub-Divisional Officer (All) }

Sub : Regulation of transfer of leased land.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that some of the individuals, public servants or private bodies with whom Govt. land is settled, sell out it within a year or so of the offer of settlement of land. In order to avert such malpractices and to prohibit such transfer of land, frustrating Govt. Policy to settle land with landless persons, Govt. has decided to put a condition in the lease to be issued that the settlement holder shall not transfer the land settled with him within a period of 5 years from the date of the offer of the lease. This will not take away the right of transfer, but will only regulate it.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- G.C. MEDHI,  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Revenue (Settlement) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
REVENUE (SETTLEMENT) DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI  
No.RSS.691/2002/4 Dated Dispur, the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2002.

From : Shri J.N. Hazarika, ACS,  
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of Assam,  
Revenue (Settlement) Department.

To : 1. All Deputy Commissioners.  
2. All Sub-Divisional Officers (C).

Sub : Regulation of transfer of leased land.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that it has been reported that some of the individuals, public servant or private bodies with whom Government land is settled sell out it within a year or so of the offer of settlement of Govt. land.

In this regards you are requested to strictly follow the Govt. circular issued vide NO. RSS.1467/2006/7 dated 3-10-89 so that the settlement holder shall not transfer such land within 5 (five) years as decided vide letter under reference.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Illegible,  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Revenue (Settlement) Department.

Memo. No.RSS.691/2002/4-A Dated Dispur, the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 02.

Copy to :-

1. The Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Assam, for favour of information.
2. The Director of Land Records & Surveys etc, Assam, Rupnagar, Guwahati-32 for information.
3. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Assam, Rupnagar, Guwahati-32.

By order etc.,  
Sd/- Illegible,  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Revenue (Settlement) Department.



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