

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
REVENUE & D.M. DEPARTMENT: REFORMS BRANCH
DISPUR, GUWAHATI – 781 006**

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Dated Dispur, the 11th November, 2022.

NOTIFICATION

Consequent to approval of the Cabinet on October 29, 2022 and as a sequel to Mission Basundhara 1.0, which was implemented with resounding success, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the launch of **Mission Basundhara 2.0** - A mission mode project for purification of land records by incorporation of additional services to accelerate cases of settlement of land and conferring ownership rights w.e.f November 14, 2022 in the State of Assam excluding the sixth schedule areas and areas where re-settlement is ongoing. The details of the services to be covered under Mission Basundhara 2.0 (MB 2.0) are delineated below:

1. Services to be covered under MB 2.0:

- i. Settlement of Annual Patta (AP) land transferred from original AP holder
- ii. Settlement of hereditary land of Tribal communities
- iii. Settlement of land for indigenous special cultivators
- iv. Conferring ownership rights to Occupancy Tenants
- v. Settlement of Village Grazing Reserve (VGR) and Professional Grazing Reserve (PGR) Land for individuals
- vi. Settlement of government 'Khas' and 'Ceiling Surplus' Land
- vii. Extension of Composite land transfer service (Auto - mutation) throughout Assam
- viii. Online Collection of Land Revenue

2. For availing the services, applicants will have to apply through the Assam Rights to Public Services Portal at rtps.assam.gov.in

3. Timeline for application submission for the first six aforementioned services is from **November 14, 2022 to January 10, 2023**. The seventh and eight service will be continuous services.

4. All applications found in order in all respect will be disposed of within **August 5, 2023**.

5. There will be user fee against the services mentioned above as per the rates notified under Assam Right to Public Services Act, 2012.

6. The Land Policy, 2019 is amended as follows:

- A. Under clause 1.7 of the Land Policy, 2019 after 'Explanation 2', an 'Explanation 3' is inserted as -

Explanation 3: A person whose family has been residing in the state continuously for the last three generations or more as on 1st January, 2022, will be regarded as indigenous person for the purpose of entitlement for getting settlement of land under Mission Basundhara 2.0.

B. After clause 1.18 of the Land Policy, 2019, a clause 1.19 is inserted as

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1.19. Settlement of hereditary land inclusive of land for homestead, ordinary cultivation, or any land in rural areas of the state in possession of tribal families for past three generations, upto 50 bighas will be made under Mission Basundhara 2.0.

Explanation 1: 'Generation' would mean a period comprising of twenty – five years.

Explanation 2: 'Hereditary land' would mean land of the family of the tribal community which for at least three generations prior to the 1st day of January 2022, has been in continuous undisputed possession of the family.

C. After clause 6.5 of the Land Policy 2019, clauses 6.6, 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9 are inserted as -

6.6 Under Mission Basundhara 2.0, land under VGRs and PGRs will be settled with members of eligible categories viz. -

- i. Allotees under Minimum Needs Programme and their legal heirs having undisputed possession.
- ii. Families who have become landless laborers due to erosion, ethnic violence and rehabilitated by administrative measure in VGR/PGR.
- iii. Families displaced as refugee, holding refugee certificate and rehabilitated in VGR/PGR by an administrative order and
- iv. Landless members of Schedule Caste and Scheduled Tribe.

6.7 The maximum limit of VGR and PGR land for settlement to an individual of the eligible category is 1 bigha for homestead purpose.

6.8 An equal quantum of government land should be reserved subject to availability in the same revenue village failing which in the same mouza failing which in the same revenue circle failing which in the same district while de-reserving for said purpose as an open space and be kept free from encroachment/settlement or any form of transfer. The aforesaid quantum of land that will be reserved will be over and above a block of government land ranging from 5 (five) to 15 (fifteen) bighas reserved in each village as per Land Policy, 2019.

6.9 While granting settlement of VGR and PGR land, administrative mandate prior to January 1, 2011 will be mandatory and no new settlement shall be considered.

Further, the aforementioned provisions under A, B and C will be a **one-time measure under Mission Basundhara 2.0 and shall cease to have effect after December 31, 2023**. Although, the disposal of cases received will be completed by August 5, 2023, yet the review of rejected cases will be completed by December 31, 2023.

D. In clause 5.6 of the Land Policy, 2019, the following is inserted as-

‘Tea Periodic Patta’ or ‘Special Periodic Patta’ shall be issued for lands settled for special cultivation of tea and the class of land to be made ‘plantation miyadi’.

E. Restructuring the Land Advisory Committee:

Clause 19.1 of the Land Policy, 2019 is amended as –

‘There shall be a Sub - Divisional Land Advisory Committee with the Deputy Commissioner as the Chairman and the Sub - Divisional Officer (Civil) as member secretary for each civil Sub - Division and other members as notified by the Government, to advise the Deputy Commissioner in the matter of settlement proposal of land in a District/Sub - Division. In the case of Sadar Sub - Division, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) will continue to be the member secretary while the Deputy Commissioner will be the Chairman.’

7. Rationalization of premium on settlement of land:

The premium rate for settlement of land in Guwahati city, municipal, revenue towns and rural areas for both homestead and ordinary cultivation purpose will be rationalised as follows -

- i. The **base premium realizable will be 100% of the Zonal Valuation** in all cases since the zonal values have been reviewed recently in an objective manner.
- ii. **100%, 30% and 10% premium liability similar to Guwahati city as per the O.M. No. RSS 532/2011/Pt/152 dated Dispur the 21st February, 2014 will be extended to all towns.**
- iii. For **categories already eligible for concession** according to Land Policy, 2019 i.e. persons of SC, ST, person with disabilities who do not have regular source of income, widow having no earning members in the family, there will be a **25% concession** in the premium liability.

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- iv. The premium for **settlement of land** for homestead and ordinary cultivation purpose **in rural area will be Rs. 100/- per bigha.**
- v. There will be a system for deferred payment of premium with upfront **initial payment of 30%** and **the rest amount will be paid over a period of 5 years** as follows –
 - a. In case applicant pays the premium in full, the settlement will be given forthright.
 - b. In case applicant opts for deferred payment, then there will be an initial upfront payment of 30% and the remaining premium to be paid in 5 years.
 - c. In case the applicant opts for deferred payment, makes initial 30% payment and in course of 5 years expires, then the balance payment will be made by the legal heir of the applicant and the settlement will be made with the legal heir.
 - d. Final settlement will be given as and when entire premium is paid, till then the patta will be a conditional patta.
- vi. Aforesaid **concessions in premium will be in effect from date of launch of the mission till December 31, 2023.** The cases of settlement outside the purview of Mission Basundhara 2.0 will continue to be covered under extant regime of settlement premium.

8. The compensation to be paid by the occupancy tenant to the landlord under the service Conferring ownership right to occupancy tenants will be as per the Assam (Temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971.

9. The premium for settlement of land for special cultivation (tea, coffee and rubber) will be as per extant policies.

10. **Aadhaar authentication** of the applicant, on voluntary basis, will be performed for the services of 'Mission Basundhara'.

11. Mission Basundhara 2.0 will not include settlement of any land which were encroached in recent years in organised basis and in riverine areas because of ecological reason. However, Majuli is an exception as that area has the nature of permanent island.

12. No land belonging to any department, PSU, Co-operation, Religious institution, Satra, Namghar etc. will be allowed to settle.

13. The **ten services of the first phase of Mission Basundhara** that are continuing through the Assam Right to Public Services (ARTPS) portal **will also be intensified** in mission mode.

14. Deputy Commissioners will also arrange for wide publicity about the mission along with the Toll-Free number: 1800-345-3574 for greater outreach.

In view of the above, the Deputy Commissioners of all implementing districts will ensure disposal of all admissible applications within the time frame fixed for "Mission

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Basundhara 2.0". Further, they will also pay personal attention to the mission for its proper implementation.

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Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam for kind information.
2. The Divisional Commissioners (All) for kind information.
3. The Director of Land Records & Surveys for kind information and necessary action.
4. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Department for information.
5. The Deputy Commissioners (All, except sixth scheduled districts) for information and necessary action.
6. The Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary of Revenue & Disaster Management Department for information and necessary action.
7. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad (All) for information and necessary action.
8. The SIO, NIC, Assam for information and necessary action.
9. The DIPR, Assam for information.
10. The SO to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam for information.
11. The SDO, Civil (All) for information and necessary action.
12. P.S to Hon'ble Minister, Revenue and D.M. Department for information.

By orders etc.

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