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## **REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **NOTIFICATION**

The 25th January, 2021

No.2771—RDM-LAB-CLRFIC-0001/2020/R&DM.— Whereas, COVID-19 Pandemic broke out in the month of March, 2020 in India and spread over the entire country within a short span of time;

And, whereas, in order to prevent the loss of lives, the Central Government as well as the State Government of Odisha, invoking the provisions of the Disaster Management Act., 2005, have imposed restrictions on movement & gatherings through frequent lock downs and shut downs starting from the 22nd March, 2020 (Janata Curfew) till the 31st December, 2020. Such restrictions have resulted in continuous disruptions of official as well as field work pertaining to land acquisition.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred in second proviso to Section 19(7) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLA R & R) Act., 2013, the Government of Odisha have been pleased to declare that the period from the 22nd March, 2020 to 31st December, 2020 (285 days) shall be treated as force majeure and shall be excluded while computing the period of twelve months under the said provision of the Act.

By Order of the Governor  
BISHNUPADA SETHI  
Principal Secretary to Government