

MO JAMI MO DIHA CAMPAIGN

As one of the innovative measures in ensuring welfare revenue administration to the poor and weaker sections of the society, the State Government had launched a campaign named as “Mo Jami Mo Diha” during 2007 to protect the land rights of the poor. The objectives of the campaign are (a) to protect and ensure the land rights of the poor, who were allotted lease of Government land earlier or to restore their lost land (b) to achieve convergence with the development schemes to see that the land allottees are in a better position to utilize the land and (c) to assist the poor, with emphasis on those belonging to ST and SC communities to retain their land and homestead within the existing legal framework.

“Mo Jami Mo Diha” melas were held in each Tahasil. Sub-Collectors, Tahsildars, Additional Tahsildars and the grass root revenue staff attended these melas and collected applications from ceiling surplus land allottees, homesteadland lessees, agricultural land lessees, ST persons who were given land restoration orders under The Odisha Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (By Scheduled Tribes) Regulation, 1956 or ST/SC persons who were given land restoration orders under the provisions of Odisha Land Reforms Act. The task was to ensure 100% physical verification of whether the allottee is actually in possession of the land. The approach is from both ends. On one side, the Campaign approach is adopted to collect grievances of the allottees those are not in physical possession. On the other side, the Tahasil records were also verified, so as to take up 100% cases for physical verification. This campaign is meant to ensure and consolidate the gains of land reforms by the poor. It has components to take up legal aid for the above stated categories of persons. It also has a component to initiate prosecution against the influential persons of the society as per law. As many as 6,58,230 number of applications have been received under this campaign, out of which in 6,21,751 number of cases of physical possession have been restored in favour of the beneficiaries as on 30.04.2013.