



**Government of Odisha**  
**Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 6399 /R&DM (DM)

Date: 12.11.2020

From

Pradeep Jena, IAS  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,  
Disaster Management

To

The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue & DM Department

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The Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj & DW Department

**Sub: Permission to conduct Gram Sabha during COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of land acquisition for public purposes, identifying & prioritising developmental works and selection of beneficiary under different Government programmes**

Sir,

I am to say that the Government have been pleased to allow conduct Gram Sabha, where required, for the purpose of land acquisition for public purposes, identifying & prioritising developmental works and selection of beneficiary under different Government programmes, etc. subject to following conditions:

1. In case the meeting is held in closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to maximum of 200 persons.
2. In open spaces, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
3. District administration as well as the authority convening the meeting shall ensure that all COVID-19 safety protocols including mandatory wearing of face mask/ covering, physical distancing of minimum 6 feet and provision of thermal screening & hand wash/ sanitizer, are adhered to.
4. Only the asymptomatic persons shall be allowed to participate in the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

  
12/11/2020  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,  
Disaster Management

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