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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE ORISSA MERGED TERRITORIES (VILLAGE OFFICES ABOLITION)  
ACT, 1963**

**BE** it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Orissa in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India, as follows :—

**Short title** 1. This Act may be called the Orissa Merged Territories (Village Offices Abolition) Amendment Act, 1976.

**Amendment of section 5.** 2. In section 5 of the Orissa Merged Territories (Village Offices Abolition) Act, 1963 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be and shall be deemed always to have been inserted, namely:— Orissa Act 10 of 1963.

“Provided that no water reservoir, whether known as tank, munda, bandha, kata or by any other name whatsoever, which forms part of such bhogra land and which was being used for the purposes of irrigation or for any communal purpose, shall be settled with the holder of the village office or with any other person as aforesaid.”

**Insertion of new Section 5-B.** 3. After section 5-A of the principal Act, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

**Divesting of water reservoirs already settled.** “5-B. Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any Court, Tribunal or other authority, the settlement of any water reservoir of the description mentioned in the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5 made under that section prior to the date of commencement of the Orissa Merged Territories (Village Offices Abolition) Amendment Act, 1976, shall be of no effect whatsoever; and all such water reservoirs shall, for all intents and purposes, be deemed to have vested absolutely in the State Government free from all encumbrances.”

\* For the Bill see *Orissa Gazette*, Extraordinary, dated the 19th February 1976 (No. 225).