You are requested to give effect to such concession as usual, and you are also requested to indicate the caste of the applicant(s) while stibmitting proposals to the Government for Settlement of land or conversion of A. P. lands into periodic Pattas as necessary, so that the concession as stated above may be extended to the persons of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

Memo No. RSD. 8/87/47-A

Dt. Dispur, the 3rd May, 1990

Copy forwarded to :-

- (1) The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati-I.
- (2) The Commissioner, W. P. T. & B. C. Department, Dispur.
- (3) The Commissioner of Division & B. C. Department, Dispur.
- (4) The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Ghy-21.
- (5) The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Assam Guwahati-1.
- (6) The Principal, Assam Survey & Settlement Training Centre, Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.
- (7) Guard File.

By Order etc.,

Sd/-D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

No. RSD. 8/87/49

Dated Dispur, the 10th May, 1990

From	: Shri D. K. Gangopadhyay, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam.
То	
	The Deputy Commissioner
	The Settlement Officer
	The Sub-Divisional Officer
	(Except Karbi Anglong & N. C. Hills Districts)

purposes and ecological balance.

: Preservation of PGRs/VGRs and other reservation for public

Sir.

Sub.

You are aware perhaps that the Government have emphasised on preserving the existing PGRs and VGRs in the State for use by the public for the purpose for which the reserves have been constituted and removal of the encroachments on the PGRs and VGRs as per Settlement Rules 18(2) and Section 165 under the Chapter X of the ALRR 1886 (amended) in time and without delay. Government have decided that the PGRs and VGRs should not be further decreased by way of dereservation for allotment or settlement except for public purposes under special and unavoidable circumstances. In this connection your attention is also drawn to the Para 6.10 of the new Land Policy 1989.

2. The Government have observed with distress that in some cases, the advance possession of land of VGR or PGR has been allowed by Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers to certain organisations without prior approval of the Government. This would constitute violation of the Grazing Ground Rules under the Regulation and such action puts the Government in difficult situation. Hence you are requested to see that no advance possession is given without prior approval from the

- Government henceforth. In this connection your attention is drawn to the Government Circular No. RSG/2/76/18, dated 26th August, 1977 also.
- 3. You are further requested to identify available Government khas land or untenanted ceiling surplus land for reservation as open space for improvement of environment and maintenance of ecological balance and also for play ground/park in each village with intimation to the Government Similarly, plots of suitable Government. Land in all the Municipal/Revenue Towns also please be identified for reservation for the purposes of construction of Government Offices, play ground or other public purpose in future with intimation to the Government. In this connection paras 6.2, 6.3, 14.8 & 14.9 of the new Land Policy 1989 may please, be referred to.

Yours faithfully,

Sd./-D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Com. & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSD. 8/87/49-A

Dt. Dispur, the 10th May, 1990

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati-I
- The Commissioner, Lower Assam Division, Guwahati-I North Assam Division, Tezpur/Upper Assam Division. Jorhat/Hills & Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 3. The D.L.R, Assam, Guwahati-21.
- 4. The D.L.R.A.R, Assam, Guwahati-l.
- 5. The Principal, Assam Survey & Settlement Training Centre Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.

By Order etc.,

Sd/-D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

(123)

No. RSS. 341/89/15

Dated Dispur, the 14th May, 1990

From: Shri D. K. Gangopadhyay, IAS,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
The Settlement Officer
The Sub-Divisional Officer

(Except Karbi Anglong & N. C. Hills Districts)

Sub. : Settlement of Government Khas land for the purposes of growing

orange and other citrus gardens in rural areas.

Sir,

It has Come to the notice of the Government that some indigenous people have raised gardens of orange and other citrus fruits on Government Khas lands in compact blocks in certain districts since a few years back, but such lands have ne ther been formally allotted, nor settled with the families growing such trees, though T. B. revenues have been assessed and realised for such lands. Government have decided that such lands may be settled with the deserving growers on periodic lease subject to payment of due premium. In this connection, para 1.10 of the new Land Policy, 1989 may please be referred to.

The concerned" D.Cs are therefore requested to submit proposals for settlement of such lands with necessary papers such as copies of map, chitha, sale statement of regd. deeds for last 3 years and indicating the length of possession of the land, and total holding of patta lands, already held in the family urgently, as it has been considered necessary to dispose of such pending cases expeditiously, subject to the cases fulfilling the conditions laid down in para 1.10 of Government land Policy 1989.

The rate of premium for settlement of such lands has been fixed by the Government at 5% of the prevailing market price of the land vide Government circular No. RSR. 9/88/Pt. I/27 dated 23rd October, 1989.

Yours faithfully,

Sd./- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

(124)

Memo No. RSS. 342/89/15-A

Dt. Dispur, the 14th May, 1990

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati-1
- 2. The Commissioner
 - (i) Lower Assam Division, Guwahati-I
 - (ii) North Assam Division, Tezpur
 - (iii) Upper Assam Division, Jorhat
 - (iv) Hills & Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 3. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimoidan, Guwahati-21
- 4. The Director of Land Reqn. Acqn. & Reforms, Assam, Ambari, Guwahati-l.
- 5. The Principal, the Assam Survey & Settlement 'I'raining Centre, Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.

By Order etc.,

Sd/-D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

No. RSD. 8/87/56

Dated Dispur, the 19th May, 1990

From : Shri D. K. Gangopadhyay, IAS,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To

Deputy Commissioners of all Plains

All Settlement Officers Districts of Assam.

All Sub-Divisional Officers

Sub. : JOINT TITLE OF SPOUSE ON LANDED PROPERTY

Ref. : (1) Government letter No RRG.61/85/Pt.1/15, dt. 26th June 1986

(2) Govt. letter No. REGN. 57/86/120, dated 6th March, 1990

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of Assam have decided to confer titles on landed properties to the Spouse jointly after consideration of the suggestions of the Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development and Urban Development, Government of India, as a measure of improvement of Status of women and have included a clause 18 in the Government Land Policy 1989 also in this regard.

You are therefore requested to initiate appropriate steps for conferring joint titles of husband and wife of a family on all allotments/settlements of land, both in rural and urban areas henceforth and to instruct all officers under your control to follow this decision of the Government whole heartedly. While submitting proposals for allotment-of land. Whether under the M.N.P. Scheme or out side such scheme and also for settlement of land, the names of the husband and the wife of a family should henceforth be mentioned as joint allottess or joint settlement holders, as the case may be, with a view to assuring for the women access, security and unimpeachable right to the landed properties.

You are requested that the circle officers or other officers empowered to receive kabula petitions waste land applications may be suitably instructed

to receive such petitions for allotment/settlement of land in the names of the spouse jointly henceforth and in the cases of the pending petitions submitted already, the names of the wives of the applicants (if married) may also be collected and added to the petitions before submission of proposals on such petitions.

Yours faithfully,

Sd./- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSD. 8/87/55-A

Dt. Dispur, the 19th May, 1990

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati-l.
- 2. The Special Commn. & Special Secy. to the Government of Assam, P & D Department, Dispur.
- 3. The Agricultural Production Commissioner, Assam, Dispur.
- 4. The Commn. & Secy. to the Government of Assam, W.P.T. & B.C. Department, Dispur/Panchayat & Rural Development Department/Town & Country Planning/Municipal Admn. Department.
- 5. The Commissioner, Upper Assam Division. Jorhat/Lower Assam Division, Guwahati/North Assam Division, Tezpur/Hills & Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 6. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan. Guwahati-21.
- 7. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Assam. Ambari Guwahati-1.
- 8. The Inspector General of Registration, Assam: Guwahati-21.
- 9. The Principal, Assam Survey & Settlement Training Centre, Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.
- 10. The Director, Rural Development, Bhangagarh. Guwahati-5, Social Welfare, Assam, Uzanbazar, Guwahati/Town & Country Planning. Dispur/Municipal Admn., Hengrabari. Guwahati.
- 11. The Branch Officers, Revenue Department.
- 12. The Guard File.

By order etc.,

Sd/- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

(127)

No. RSS. 425/90/1

Dated Dispur, the 1st June, 1990

From : Shri D. K. Gangopadhyay, IAS,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam.

Revenue Department.

To

All Deputy Commissioners of all Plains

All Sub-Divisional Officers

Sub. : Report on Revenue Administration.

Sir.

Government has expressed concern at the lack of systematic and undivided attention to various facts of revenue administration in the Districts and Sub-divisions. Many Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers are reportedly not exercising their revenue functions and control in their jurisdictions as per Revenue Manual and various Acts leading to unsatisfactory disposal of work, non-achievement of targets, irregular updating of land records and perfunctory supervision.

I am sending herewith a checklist on major issues relating to Revenue administration for your guidance and report on them every two months as indicated below:

Period	Date of submission of report 14 th August	
June-July		
August-September	15 th October	
October-November	15 th December	
December-January	15 th January	
February-March	15 th April	
April-May	15 th June	

You will please submit reports starting with June-July, 1990 accordingly. The copies of reports should be sent to the Divisional Commissioners, the D. L. R., Assam and the D. L. R. A. & Reforms, Assam. Outlying S. D. O.s will submit their reports to the controlling D. Cs also in addition to the Government Divisional Commissioner, D. L. R. And D. L. R. A. & R.

The above report to be submitted every two months is in-addition to the periodic reports in formats the D. Cs/S.D.Os are required to submit on various issues, like Chapter-X, Land Revenue, Bakijai Cases, Revenue Collection, conversion of A. P. Land and settlement of Government land.

Yours faithfully,

Sd./- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSS. 426/90/1(A)

Dt. Dispur, the 1st June, 1990

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Special Assistant to Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, Dispur.
- 2. The Commissioner, Upper Assam Division, Jorhat/North Assam Division Tezpur/Lower Assam Division, Guwahati/Hills & Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 3. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Guwahati, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 4. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Ambari, Guwahati.

By order etc.,

Sd/- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

IMPORTANT ISSUES CONCERNING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

- 1. **Updating of Land Records:** One of the basic functions of the Revenue Department concern continuous updating of Land Records through recorders (Lat-Mandal/Patwary), Kanungoes/SKs/RKG and Sub-Deputy Collectors/Circle Officers. The/duties and responsibilities of all these officials had been laid down in Land Records Manual. The work is, unfortunately, largely neglected owing to pressure of miscellaneous work. Please ensure that the provisions of the Assam Land Records Manual are followed more regularly and continuous supervision exerted on the work of Recorders. Kanungoes, SKs and RKG and Sub-Deputy Collectors/ Circle Officers.
 - 1.1. As per Rule 112 of the Land Records Manual village-wise crop and irrigation statistics are to be prepared by the Recorder. This should be specifically compiled to help District's and State's cropforecasting timely.
 - 1.2. Correction of Land Records after each Land Acquisition case is finalised is a must. This is useful for preparation of mistake-free doul so valuable for Mauzadars/Tahsildars at the time of revenue collection.
 - **1.3.** Computerisation of Land Records: Deputy Commissioner, Sanitpur will keep watch over the Progrenams of computerisation of Land Records being installed at Tezpur.
- 2. Re-assessment and re-classification of Land: As per Rule 23 of the Land Records Manual and relevant sections of the Assam Land Revenue Re-assessment Aca, 1936, Deputy Commissioners must continuously re-classify and assess land date and refix appropriate' Land so as to maintain land records up to Revenue.
- 3. Conversion of Annual Patta to Periodic Patta: As per 1989 Government Land Settlement Policy, powers of conversion of A. P. land to periodic patta has been delegated to Circle Officers and D. Cs. The conversion work should be regularly carried out to secure rights over land and also to mobilise additional resources for the State.

- 4. Chapter X of Assam Land Revenue Regulation & Restoration of Tribal Land: This matter has been emphasied repeatedly. You should look up the comprehensive Circular dated 29th November 1989 on effective implementation of Chapter X. Also please make use of the latest amendment 164(B) authorising to take up cases against transfer and transferor of land in protected belts and blocks.
 - 4.1. **Encroachment and Eviction :** Special watch on Protected Belts & Blocks. Lot Mandals/Patwaries should be made responsible for failure to report any NEW encroachmeant in Knas & Reserve land weather in or outside Protected Belts/Blocks.
- 5. **Land Revenue Collection :** For the 1989-90 target fixed was 75% of the correct demand and 50 % of the arrear collection by 30th June, 1990. Targets have to be achieved.
- 6. **Circle Offices and Mouza Offices Inspection :** Circular dated 5th December 1989 on Circle Inspection should be scrupulously followed; and all Circles must be inspected once in a 12-months period, preferably during winter.
 - Similarly, Mouzas snould be got inspected once in a 12-months period.
- 7. **Transfer of agriculture land to non-agriculturists:** Executive Instructions No.6 have been amended and D. Cs and S.D.Os are advised to exercise caution before allowing transfer of agricultural land to non-agriculturists.
- 8. **M.N.P. House sites/Agricultural land:** Under the M.N.P. two schemes are under implementation One for the allotment of homestead land with a grant of Rs. 2,500/- and another revised Central Sector Scheme with a separate grant of Rs. 2,500/- for agricultural land. Under both these schemes, non-achievement of the target has been seriously viewed by the Central Government.
 - Continuous efforts are required to improve performance.
- 9. **Land Acquisition cases :** Deputy Commissioners will specially monitor the progress of land acquisition cases required by the Flood Control Department, "Irrigation Department, Defence, Rlys. and Border Roads Organisations."

- 10. **Cadastral Survey in N. C. Areas :** D. C., Dhemaji should make a time-bound programme of completing survey of the N. C. areas of Dhemaji district preferably within 2 years (by June/92).
- 11. **Settlement Operation:** Settlement operation has been continuing in erst-while Goalpara District (Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Goalpara and Bongaigaon) and erst-while Cachar District (Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi). All help and co-ordination should be organised so as to expedite and complete operation.
- 12. **Bakijai Cases:** Lots of Bakijai cases are lying unattended for years together at the District level due to engagement of Bakijai Officers in Miscellaneous work. It may be better to ask the Bakijai Officers to set apart atleast 3 days in a week for certificate cases disposal, freeing them from other odd jobs. Dates should be fixed accordingly to avoid infructuous fixing of date.
- 13. **Rural and Urban Land Ceiling:** Major work relating to Rural Land Ceiling is over. Only a few reference from the Higher Courts and/or from Government are to be attended. Urban land ceiling concerns only in Guwahati city which should be regularly monitored by the D. C. Kamrup.
- 14. **Wasteland Survey:** Wasteland Survey concerns Sonitpur District and may be one or two districts in future. These surveys are made with a view to preparing development plans to be financed by the National Mission on Wasteland Development on hundred percent financing basis by Government of India. Hence the importance of completing the task in a business like manner.
- 15. **Construction of Circle Office/Accommodation :** Many Revenue Circles are without own buildings. D. Cs/S. D. Os will keep 10 to 15 Bighas of land reserved for each such Circle and get Plan & Estimates ready so that Government may take up construction in a phase manner both for Circle Office as also accommodation for Officers.

No. RSS. 288/81/4

Dated Dispur, the 2nd April, 1982

From : Shri S. N. Bhagawati, ACS, (R)

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To

All Deputy Commissioners
 All Sub-Divisional Officers

Sub. : Settlement of Government land with Corporations, Boards and

other State Government undertakings and Transfer of Government lands to Central Government Departments/

undertakings.

Sir.

I am directed to say that the present policy of the Government is that the Government lands when required by different Corporations, Boards and other State Government undertakings should be settled with them on realisation of the requisite premium fixed by the Government from time to time on certain terms and conditions as per rules to facilitate the requiring authorities to obtain loans and other financial assistance from the Banks and other recognised financial institutions. To the contrary, it has been noticed that the Deputy Commissioners and the Sub Divisional Officers in some cases have submitted proposals for allotment of land to the Corporation, Board etc. to Government only for which farther reference are to be made by the Government asking Deputy Commissioners and Sub Divisional Officers to resubmit the proposal for settlement indicating the present market value of the lands supported by Sale Statement prepared on the basis of last three years regd. Sale deeds of lands of the same class and utility of the locality.

In case of Central Government Departments/undertakings it is clarified that Government lands are not to be allowed nor settled with the Central Government Departments/undertakings, but the lands may be Transferred under "Land Transfer Rules" on realisation of the present market value of the land plus 25 years capitalised land revenue thereof.

Your are therefore, requested to note the above points while submitting proposals for settlement of land to Corporations, Boards etc. of the State Government and also for Transfer of Government lands to the Central Govt. Departments/undertaking etc. It is once again emphasized that along with the report on the present market value of the lands supported by sale-Statements of register deeds of last 3 consecutive years, other required and relevant information may also be invariably furnished. Trace maps and chitha copies of the lands are to be furnished in duplicate.

Receipt of this letter may plese be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- S. N. BHAGAWATI,

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

Memo No. RSS. 288/81/4-A

Dt. Dispur, the 2nd April, 1982

Copy to:-

- 1. All Settlement Officers.
- 2. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Guwahati, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21/Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms, Ambari, Guwahati-1
- 3. All Branches of Revenue Department.

By order etc.,

Sd/- S. N. BHAGAWATI,

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

No. RSS. 497/81/6

Dated Dispur, the 24th June, 1982

From : Shri S. N. Bhagawati, ACS

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To

- 1. All Deputy Commissioners.
- 2. All Sub-Divisional Officers.
- 3. All Settlement Officers.

Sub. : Preservation of Ancient and Historical Monuments and places

of historical importance.

Sir,

In continuation of this Department's letter No- RSS.497/81/3, dated 17th September, 1981 on the subject cited above, I am directed to say that many historical old tanks and earthen ramparts might have either been levelled down or brought under cultivation or occupied in various ways at some places, which is a positive threat to the existence and preservation of the Historical remains of the State. Meanwhile, there are possibilities of giving settlement/ allotment to private individials/Government Departments/undertaking etc. on the bank and dry or shallow beds of old tanks or ramparts, as also on those places where even slightest evidence of relics, such as brick-bats potsherds and old-dress stone is traced.

(2) You are therefore, requested to make a prompt study in the matter and cause preparation of detailed village-wise lists of such old tanks and earthen ramparts etc., whether these are small or big in size, in good condition or badly demaged, having only slight trace of existence. While preparing such lists, no earth works of olden times should be left out and the Revenue Officials should see that the lists are correct and comprehensive with the names of the villages, dag No. extent of areas, etc. wherever slightest traces of old tanks, fortifications or any other ruins exist, these should be mentioned in the lists. The lists so prepared may be submitted to Government in duplicate at a very early date.

(3) You are further requested to submit a report in details regarding Allotment/Settlement of land at historical sites, if any, to Government, at the earliest. A report on feasibility of shifting of Government offices etc. if any, from the historical places may also please be furnished with.

The above instructions may be strictly followed.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- S. N. BHAGAWATI,

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

Memo No. RSS. 497/81/6-A

Dt. Dispur, the 24th June, 1982

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. Commissioners of Divisions.
- 2. Chairaman, Assam Board of Revenue, Gauhati-1.
- 3. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidam, Gauhati-21.
- 4. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Assam, Gauhati-1.
- 5. Secretary to the Government of Assam, Education (CXM) Deptt.
- 6. Director, Archaeology and Museum, Gauhati with reference to his letter Eo. ASM. 53/Gen/82-83/11, dated 7th April 1982.

By order etc.,

Sd/- S. N. BHAGAWATI,

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

No. RSS.604/82/2

Dated Dispur, the 23rd November, 1982

From: Shri J. N. Changkakati, IAS

Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To

All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers/Settlement

Officers of Plains Districts.

Sub. : Special programme for utilisation of alluviated land for productive

purposes and prevention of encroachment there-from.

Sir,

I am directed to say that with the flood water receding in the Brahmaputra and the other rivers in the State, large tracts of land have been alluviated above the surface of the water at many places along the rivers every year. Some of the tracts are fairly sizeable. Whenever such lands have emerged close to towns villages and neighbourhood areas, large scale encroachment is taking place unhindered. Although seasonal, such encroachment poses various problems including crime and pollution and other problems.

There is great scope in this State for bringing these alluviated lands under cultivation by adopting a special programme for effective utilization of the lands for productive purposes. The Agriculture Department may render necessary help and guidance in formulating schemes for optimum utilization of alluviated land for productive purposes. You are, therefore, requested to initiate special programme in consultation with the local Agricultural Officers and through the Panchayat Organisation. For this purpose you may make temporary allotments of such alluviated land suitable for temporary cultivation to eligible and bonafide landless cultivators of the neighbourhood areas. T. B. Revenue should also be Charged from the allottees.

Government desire that you should try to utilise all such alluviated lands for suitable crops. In any case, it is once again urged that encroachment on such lands like other Government lands may be prevented totally. Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSS. 604/82/2-A Dt. Dispur, the 23rd November, 1982

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Secretary to Adviser (SS) to Governor of Assam with reference to letter No. ADV (SS) 16/82/142, dated 6th November, 1982 for favour of Adviser (SS)'s apprisal.
- 2. The Commissioners of Divisions.
- 3. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Gauhati.
- 4. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Deptt. He is requested to issue suitable instructions to field level Agriculture Officers to render necessary help to D. C's and S. DO's in the matter.
- 5. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, P & C. D. Department for information and necessary action.
- 6. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidun, Gauhati-21
- 7. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms Assam, Gauhati-1.

By order etc.,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI, Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur, 2nd April, 1982.

No. RSS.368/81/Pt/165

Dated Dispur, the 31st March, 1983

From : Shri J. N. Changkakati, IAS,

Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To : 1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Gauhati.

2. The Settlement Officer, Kamrup, Gauhati.

Sub. : Implementation of the Scheme of Social Forestry in Govt, lands

in the hills of Gauhati City.

Ref. : Govt.'s letter No· RSS' 114/65/7, dated 19th October, 1965

Sir.

I am directed to say that the question of afforestation and planting of trees in the Govt. lands like PGRs & VGRs and on the Hills particularly of Greater Gauhati and the Gauhati city has been engaging the attention of the Government for some time past and Government have already issued instruction as contained in letter No. RSS.114/65/7 dated 19th October 1965 (copy enclosed).

It is now felt necessary that the Government lands in Greater Gauhati particularly those on the Hills be planted by the Forest Depertment who should be given free access on such lands for planting trees-under afforestation Scheme etc.

The guidelines issued under this Depertment's letter No. RSD. 11/8021 dated 23rd February, 1982 in respect of PGRs and VGRs land may be strictly followed while allowing afforestation on such lands by the Forest Department also.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSS.368/81/Pt/165-A Dated Dispur, the 31st March, 1983

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. Forest Department, Dispur.
- 2. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaid an, Gauhati.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Assam, Rehabari. Gauhati-8.

By order etc.,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

No. RSD.36/79/84

Dated Dispur, the 30th July, 1983

From : Shri J. N. Changkakati, IAS

Special Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To : The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue)

Guwahati/Dispur/Tezpur/Dibrugrh/Lakhimpur/Nagaon.

Sub. : Creation of the posts of Additional Deputy Commissioners

(Revenue) for effective implemention of the Chapter-X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 detailed guidelines

regarding.

Ref.: 1. This Departments Letter No. RSD. 16/82/9,

dated 30th December, 1902.

2. This Department's letter No. RSD. 16/02/10,

dated 30th December, 1982.

Sir,

I am directed to say that Government have since issued many instractions in regard to the effective implementation of the legal provision, contained in the Chapter-X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 as amended to safeguard the interest of the certain classes of Backward people. Contrary to the legal provisions and Governments instructions thereon many irregularities such as alienation of lands by way of transfer, exchange, lease, gift, purchase and registration of documents have been reported to have been executed infavour of under serving non-protected classes in Tribal Belts and Blocks.

2. With a view to implementing the legal provision. contained in the Chapter-X of A. L. R. R., 1186, more effectively, 6 (six) posts of Additional Deputy Cotnmissioners (Revenue) have been created exclusively to deal with the provisions of the Chapter-X of the said Regulation. The Additional Deputy Commissioners (Revenue) so posted

- in the different head quarter will be primarily responsible for implementation of the legal provisions and answerable to Government for any infringement of law in the Tribal Belts and Blocks.
- 3. While discharging their duties, the Additional Deputy Commissioners (Revenue) are to follow the legal provisions in the Chapter-X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and rules framed thereunder and Government's instructions issued from time to time to that effect. The latest Government instructions as to the procedure for implementation of the provisions of the Chapter-X have been issued vide letter No. RSD. 16/82/9; dated 30th December, 1982 and No. RSD.16/82/10, dated 30th December, 1982. In addition to these, the following instructions may be strictly followed:—
 - (a) Strong vigilance as to the total prevention of encroachment in Tribal Belts and Blocks be kept by the Addl. Deputy Commissoners (Revenue) within their jurisdiction.
 - (b) A time bound programme is to be prpared by the Addl. Deputy Commissioners (Revenue) for ejectment of all in eligible persons in Tribal Belts and Blocks under Section 165 of the Chapter-X of A.L.R.R., 1886 in the spirit of the latest Govt's policy of eviction conveyed vide letter No. RSS.,707/79/Pt.-II/25 dated 27th November, 1981 and reiterated vide Govt's letter No. RSD. 16/82/10 dated 30th December, 1982, Quarterly progress reports in prescribed proforma as asked for vide letter No. RSD.16/82/10 dated 30th December, 1982 are to be submitted regularly.
 - (c) Effective measures be taken for restoration of alienated land to the original patta holders in Tribal Belts and Blocks.
 - (d) Transfer and alienation of lands in Tribal Belts and Block except in the manner provided in the Chapter-X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 as amended to in-eligible persons be prevented totally.
 - (e) In case of transfer and alienation of patta lands already mutated in favour of ineligible persons in violation of the Chapter-X, steps for cancellation of such mutations may be taken in consultation with the respective Duputy Commissioners.
 - (f) Addl. Deputy Commissioners (Revenue) are to prepare list of genuine and land-less persons in each of the Belts and Blocks

under their jurisdiction separately one for protected classes and the other for eligible non-protected classes for consideration of their cases for allottmen/settelement of land with them in accordance with land settlement policy of the Govt. in due course.

- (g) A separate Register for flood and erosion affected people in tribal Belts and Blocks whose patta lands have been ereded away is to be prepared and action taken as per guidelines given vide letter No.RSG. 216/68/8 dated 16th January, 1989 keeping in view the provisions of Chapter-X.
- (h) Progrees reports as asked for vide No.RSD·16/82/9, dated 30th December, 1982 may be submitted regularly.
- (i) Steps may be taken to implement the recommendation of the Committee Report for welfare of S. Ts. and S. Cs. 1976.
- (j) A time-bound programme fixing Targets and showing financial involvement may be prepared immnediately and submitted to the Director of Land Records, Assam and to the Government.

It is mentioned here that the list of protected classes as notified in 1947 are not same in all the 41 Tribal Belts and Blocks in the State. Nepali cultivator-Graziers were included as protected class under Chapter-X upto 27th June, 1969 in all the Tribal Belts except in Balipara and Abor-Misimi Tribal Belts. In those two belts, Nepali Cultivator Graziers were never protected class. The status of Nepali Cultivator Graziers in the Tribal Belts and Blocks has been explained in Governments letter No. RSD.12/80/5, dated 30th October, 1980 and reiterated vide letter No.RSD.12/80/16. dated 27th June,1983.

It has been reported that many persons on the strength of the certificate they procured from many organisation claim to their being a protected class of people and seek benefits in Tribal Belts and Blocks. In this connection, it is clarified that, the communities as recognised by Government as Plains Tribals, Hill Tribal vide Government letter No.Ex/Misc/154/49/80, dated 12th October, 1980 are only entitled to protection in the Tribal Belts and Blocks. In respect of Scheduled Castes, sub-castes as enumerated in Government letter No.AAP .78/50/11, dated 28th

February 1950 are entitled for protection. No other sub-castes coming from out side the State are entitled to get benefit in the Tribal Belts and Blocks.

In this Connection Government of India's letter No. BC:12025/376-SCT-l, dated 29th March 1976 may be referred to (copy enclosed).

A Compendium of circulars on Tribal Belts and Blocks and other relevant documents are appended herewith for ready reference.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI,

Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSD.30/79/84-A

Dated Dispur, the 30th July, 1983

Copy forwarded to :-

- 1. The Commissioner of Divisions.
- 2. Chairman, Assam Beard of Revenue, Guwahati.
- 3. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of Personnel and A. R. Personnel (A) Gauhati-6.
- 4. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Deptt. of Welfare of Plains Tribes, etc. Gauhati-6.
- 5. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup/Goalpara/Kokrajhar/Dhubri/Barpeta/Mangaldoi/Darrang/Lakhimpur/Dibrugarh/Nowgong.
- 6. The Sub-divisional Officer, Marigaon/Nalbari/Udalguri/Jonai/Dhemaji/Sadiya/Tinsukia.
- 7. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidam. Gauhati-21.
- 8. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms, Assam, Guwahati-l.

By order etc.,

Sd/- J. N. CHANGKAKATI,

Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

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No. RSD.1/84/12

Dated Dispur, the 21st February, 1984

From: Shri N. C. Das, A.C.S.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To : The Deputy Commissioner, Dhubri/Gauhati/Mangaldoi/

Dibrugarh/Tezpur/Goalpara/Kokrajhar/Nagaon.

Sub. : Spot study of the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes of Assam Legislative Assembly in the

month of January, 1984.

Ref.: This Department letter No.RSD.16/82/10, dt. 30th December,

1982 and letter No.RSD. 36/79/84, dated 30th July 1983.

Sir,

With reference to the letters quoted above on the subject indicated I am directed to say, that for removal of encroachments in Tribal Belts/Blocks and for cancellation of the mutations granted to non-tribals therein you are requested once again to take effective steps in implementation of Chapter-X of A.L.R.R., 1886 and to submit a report in details to this Department in due course for necessary action.

This may kindly be treated as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- N. C. DAS

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

Memo No. RSD.1/84/12-A

Dated Dispur, the 21st February, 1984

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- 1. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Gauhati-21.
- 2. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reform, Assam, Gauhati-1.
- 3. The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (L. R.) Department Dispur.
- 4. The Deputy Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.

By order etc.,

Sd/- N. C. DAS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

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No. RSD.1/86/2 Dated Dispur, the 4th January, 1986

From: Shri A. K. Chakraborty, ACS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

To : The Deputy Commissioner

Sub. : Survey of VGR, PGR and Chars for removal of encroachers.

Sir,

I am directed to say that it was observed that there is considerable encroachments on VGRs, PGRs and also in Char areas. A survey of these areas should be undertaken with a view to removing encroachments. At the same time the vacant areas should be covered by afforestation under the social forestry programme. High priority should also be given to avoid further unauthorised occupation of Govt. land with simulteneous attention to removal of encrochments in a systematic manner.

I am therefore, to request you kindly to take immediate necessary action for surveying the areas for the purpose and steps may also be taken for checking further encroachments on VGR/PGR and Char areas urgently.

Action taken in the matter may kindly be reported to Government immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- A. K. CHAKRABORTY,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

Memo No. RSD.1/86/2-A

Dated Dispur, the 4th January, 1986

Copy forwarded:-

- 1. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Gauhati-21.
- 2. Commissioner. Upper Assam Division. Jorhat.
- 3. Commissioner, Hills Divisions Beltola road.
- 4. Commissioner, Lower Assam Division. Gauhati.
- 5. Commissioner, Northern Assam Division, Tezpur.
- 6. P. S. to Minister, Revenue, Assam, Dispur.
- 7. P. S. to Chief Minister, Assam Dispur.
- 8. P. S. to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
- 9. All Branches of Revenue Department.
- 10. Administrative Reforms Department.

By order etc.,

Sd/- A. K. CHAKRABORTY,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

No. RSD.II/80/Pt-I/60

Dated Dispur, the 29th January, 1986

From: Shri A. K. Chakraborty, ACS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

To : (1) The Deputy Commissioner,

(2) The Sub-Divisional Officer.

Sub.: Social Forestry in P. G. Rs/V. G. Rs.

Ref.: This Deptt. letter No. RSD.11/89/21 dated 23rd February'82, No. RSD.1/86/7,dt.25th January, 86, No. RSD.1/86/2, dt. 4th January, 86.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department letters quoted above on the subject and to say that VGRs and PGRs should be covered by afforestaton under the Social Forestry Programme. As such, the Social Forestry Department may be allowed to start plantation in the VGRs and PGRs under the Social Forestry Scheme immediately. For this purpose no formal delivery of the possession to the Forest Department is necessary.

I am, therefore, to request you kindly to take immediate necessary action for starting afforestation in the VGRs and PGRs accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- A. K. CHAKRABORTY,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

Memo No. RSD.II/80/Pt-I/60-A Dated Dispur, the 29th January, 1986

Copy for information and necessary actions to :-

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Social Forestry, Assam, Rajgarh, Guwahati-3.
- 2. P. S. to Minister Revenue for M. Rs perusal please.
- 3. The Director of Land Records Assam, Bamunirnaidan. Guwahati- 21,
- 4. The Commissioner of Divisions
- 5. All Branches of Revenue Department
- 6. Forests Department. Dispur

By order etc.,

Sd/- A. K. CHAKRABORTY,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

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W. T. MASSAGE/CRASH

27th February, 1986

FROM: SECRETARY REVENUE DISPUR

TO : ALL DEPCOMS AND ALL SUBDIVISIONALS

NO. RSS 1148614 (.) IT HAS COME TO THE NOTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE BEEN LARGE SCALE ENCROACHMENTS AND GRABBING ON THE GOVERNMENT WASTE LAND PGR AND VGR INCLUDING PRIVATE LANDS IN ORGANISED MANNER IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE STATE (.) ENCROACHMENTS IN ANY MANNER SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH FIRMLY SO AS TO PREVENT SUCH ENCROACHMENT IN FUTURE (.) MEASURES UNDER PROVISIONS OF RULE 18 OF THE SETTLEMENT RULES AND UNDER SECTION 165 OF CHAPTER-X (TEN) FOR GENERAL AND TRIBAL BELTS/BLOCKS AREAS RESPECTIVELY SHOULD BE TAKEN (.) TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENTS ON SUCH LANDS INCLUDING PRIVATE LANDS IN ORGANISED MANNER PROHIBITING ACTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF INDIAN PENAL CODE AND CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE SHOULD BE TAKEN (.)

Memo No. RSS.114/86/14-A Dated Dispur, the 27th January, 1986

Copy forwarded to:-

- 1. The O/C, A.P.R.O., Dispur, Guwahati 6 with the request to transmit the above message immediately.
- 2. The Commissioners of Divisions.
- 3. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms. Assam. Guwahati-l.
- 4. The Director of Land Records, Assam. Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 5. The Director of Land Requisition Acquisition & Reforms, Assam, Guwahati-l.
- 6. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, political Department.
- 7. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Forest Department.
- 8. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assatn. P\V. Department.
- 9. All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers in confirmation.
- 10. All proches of the Revenue Department.
- 11. political (B) Department.

By order etc.,

Sd/- **D. N. BHATTACHARJYA**, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (SETTLEMENT) DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT BRANCH ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 29th April, 1985

No.RSD.1/85/17-In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (2) of Section 160 of the A.L.R.R. 1886 (Regulation-I of 1886) as amended from time to time, Government is pleased to include indigenous Koch Rajbanshis of Dhubri, Kokrajhar and Goalpara districts in the list of classes entitled to protection contemplated in sub-section (1) of the said section of the Regulation as envisaged under Chapter-X of the A.L.R.R 1886 with immediate effect and until further orders.

Sd/- R. DUTTA,

Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSD.1/85/17-A

Dated Dispur, the 29th April, 1985

Copy forwarded to necessary action to :-

- 1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam. Dispur.
- 2. The Commissioners of Divisions. Assam.
- 3. The Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers, Goalpara, Dhubri and Kokrajhar. .
- 4. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 5. The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam.
- 6. The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, W.P.T. & B.C. Department.
- 7. The Director of Land Requisition. Acquisition & Reforms, Assam, Guwahati-l.
- 8. The Settlement Officer, Dhubri.
- 9. Superintendent, Assam Government Press, Guwahati 21, for publication in the Gazette and supply of 100 copies of the notification immediately.
- 0. P.S. to the Minister of Revenue/Minister of State, Revenue Assam, Dispur.

By order etc.,

Sd/- N. C. DAS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

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No. RSS.322/85/184

Dated Dispur, the 8th July, 1986

From: Shri M. C. Das, ACS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

To : All Deputy Commissioner All Sub-Divisional Officer.

Sub. : Exemption on transfer of agricultural land to Oil India Ltd. and O.N.G.C. for exploration/Extraction of Oil and other natural resources.

Ref.: Government letter No. RSD. 19/85/1 dated 27th December'85.

Sir.

In inviting a reference to this Departments letter quoted above, I am directed to say that the Oil India Ltd. and the ONGC sometimes purchase agricultural land from private party/parties for exploration/Extraction of Oil and other natural resources. As per national Policy/Programme, the Oil India Ltd. and the ONGC are Government of India Organisations. As such Government have now decided and authorise the respective D. C.s to grant permission for purchase of agricultural land through negotiation for the purpose of exploration/extraction of Oil from private individual, if, the D.Cs find the Cases to be of genuine nature, when approached.

You are, therefore, requested to process the proposal accordingly and to follow the instructions strictly. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- M. C. DAS,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department., Dispur.

Memo No. RSS.322/85/184-A

Dated Dispur, the 8th July, 1986

Copy to:-

- 1. P. S. to the C. M. Assam Dispur.
- 2. P. S. to M. R. Assam Dispur,
- 3. P. S. to C. S. Assam Dispur.
- 4. All Divisional Commissioners Assam.
- 5. All branches of Revnue Department.

By order etc.,

Sd/- M. C. DAS,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Revenue (S) Department, Dispur.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT GENERAL BRANCH

NOTIFIT CATION

Dated Dispur, the 16th May, 1987

No. RRG.84/86-In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso of Section 9 of the Assam Alienation of Land (Regulation) Act, 1980, the Governor of Assam is pleased to delegate the power of Collector to all Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers (except Sadar Sub-divisional Officers) of plain Districts of Assam so far as the Assam Alienation of Land (Regulation) Act, 1980 and Rules framed thereunder are concerned with immediate effect.

Sd/- B. M. HAZARIKA,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department., Dispur.

Memo No. RRG.84/86-A

Dated Dispur, the 16th May, 1987

- 1. The Accountant General, Assam, etc. Shillong -1.
- 2. P. S. to Chief Minister, Assam.
- 3. P. S. to Minister, Revenue, Assam.
- 4. All Commissioners of Divisions.
- 5. P. S. to Ministers/Minister of State, Assam.
- 6. The Deputy Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Guwahati.
- 7. P. S. to Chief Secretary, Assam.
- 8. All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers/Settlement Officers
- 9. All Departments of Assam Secretariat.
- 10. All Heads of the Department's, Government of Assam.
- 11. The Supdt. Assam Govt. Press, Barnunimaidan, Guwahati 21. With request to publish the notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette and submit 100 copies thereof early.

By order etc.,

Sd/- B. M. HAZARIKA,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department., Dispur.

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No. RSR.9/88/Pt-II/28

Dated Dispur, the 23rd October, 1989

From: Shri D.K. Gangopadhyay, IAS. Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To : (1) All Deputy Commissioners

- (2) All Settlement Officers.
- (3) All Sub-Divisional Officers. (Except Karbi Anglong & N.C. Hills districts).

Sub. : Fixation of rates of premium on conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic pattas.

Sir.

In modification of the earlier Govt's orders communicated vide Government letters No.RSS,98/65/5 dated 29th July 1966 and No. RSS.34/70/21 dated 4th September 1970, the Governor of Assam is pleased to revise and refix tHe rates of premium on conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic pattas as shown below:

(1) On conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic in Guwahati City.

(a) For residential purpose At 50% of the prevailing market price of the land.

(b) For trade, commerce or industry purposes. At 75% of the prevailing market price of the land.

(2) On conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic in all Municipal and Revenue towns:-

(a) For residential purpose At 30 % of the prevailing market price of the land. (as fixed earlier).

(b) For trade, commerce or industry purposes. At 50 % of the prevahling market price of the land. (as fixed earlier).

(3) On conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic within the radius of 10 Kms from the periphery of Guwahati City and within the radius of 3 Kms from the periphery of any other Municipal or Revenue town:-

At 35% of the prevailing market (a) For residential purpose

price of the land.

(b) For trade, commerce or industry

purpose.

At 50% of the prevailing market price of the land.

(c) For agricultural purpose At 30% of the prevailing market

price of the land.

(3) On conversion of Annual Patta lands into periodic in other rural areas :-

(a) For residential purpose Rs.20.00 (Rupees twenty) only per

bigha.

(b) For trade, commerce or industry

purposes.

At 50% of the prevailing market price of the land (as fixed earlier).

(c) For agricultural purposes Rs.5.00 (Rupees five) only per bigha

(as fixed earlier).

These rates come into force with effect from the date of issue of this order.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSR.9/88/Pt.-II/28-A Dated Dispur, the 23rd October, 1989

- 1. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue, Guwahati-l.
- 2. The Commissioner, Lower Assam Division, Guwahati-l/upper Assam Division, Jorhat-I/North Assam Division, Tezpur/Hills & Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 3. The Planning & Dev. Commissioner Dispur.
- 4. The Finance Commissioner, Dispur.
- 5. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 6. The Addl. D. L. R. Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 7. The Asstt. D. L. R. Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.
- 8. The Principal, Assam Survey & Settlement Training Centre, Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.
- 9. The P. S. to Minister, Revenue, Dispur.

By order etc.,

Sd/- **D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,** Commissioner & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (SETTLEMENT) DEPARTMENT SETTLEMENT BRANCH

NOTIFIT CATION

Dated Dispur, the 12th July, 1990

No. RSD 1/85/29.- In exercise of the powers conferred by SubSection (2) of Section 160 of the Chapter-X of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 (as amended), the Government is pleased to include the indigenous Koch-Rajbongshis of the Bongaigaon district in the list of the protected classes of persons entitled to protection under the Chapter-X of the Regulation in the protected Belts and Blocks of the district.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

Memo No. RSD 1/85/29-A

Dated Dispur, the 12th July, 1990

Copy forwarded to-

- 1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur.
- 2. The Commissioners of Divisions.
- 3. The Commissioner & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, Welfare of Plains Tribes & Backward Classes, Dispur.
- 4. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan. Guwahati-1
- 5. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition & Reforms, Assam, Ambari, Guwahati-l.
- 6. All Deputy Commissioners.
- 7. All Sub-Divisional Officers.
- 8. All Settlement Officers.
- 9. The Principal, Assam Survey and Settlement Training- Centre, Dakhingaon, Guwahati-28.
- 10. The Supdt. Assam Govt, Press, publication of the Notification in the Assam Gazette and supply of 100 Copies to this Department.

By order etc.,

Sd/- D. K. GANGOPADHYAY,

Commissioner & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (S) Department.

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PART-II

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (REFORMS BRANCH)

COPY

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT TENANCY BRANCH

No.RRT.199/75/179

Dated Dispur, the 18th March, 1982

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Attention of the Government has been drawn to ambiguity prevailing in the matter of settlement of acquired ceiling surplus land due to issue of letter No.RRT.171/75/Pt/35, dated 27th August, 1975, No.RSS. 117/76/196, dated 4th July, 1979 and RSS. 170/81/2, dated 29th April, 1981, the matter was also discussed in the working Group for Revenue matters during the Deputy Commissioner/S.D.Os conference of 15th and 16th February, 1982. In order to remove the doubts, the following further instructions are hereby issued for further guidance:-

- (1) There are apparent differences between the settlement of vested land under the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 and Government waste land. The settlement of the acquired ceiling surplus land will be governed by the statutory provisions, viz. Section 16 and Section 17 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956. Section 16 read with Rule 16 (1) (b) as amended cast an obligation on Collectors to settle the vested land with the cultivating tenants in occupation, if there be any. The vested land which has, however, not been disposed of under Section 16, shall be at the disposal of Government for settlement under Section 12 of Assam Land Revenue and Regulation as per provisions under Section 17 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956.
- (2) In order to achieve the objective of speedy settlement of acquired ceiling surplus land, Government had earlier issued a note on Land Policy under letter No. RRT. 199/75/52, dated 9th October, 1975 which obviously superceded the provisions instruction No. RRT. 171/75/Pt/35, dated 27th August, 1975. The said note on land policy clearly laid down the proceedure to be followed in the matter of distribution of acquired ceiling surplus land with fresh allottees as well as with the occupying cultivating tenants. It was made clear that a cultivating tenant over acquired ceiling surplus land is eligible to get settlement and till this process is completed, it was proposed to issue a certificate of allotment to them.

- (3) In pursuance of the note on land policy allotment certificates were issued initially to tenants for an area upto 9 bighas following Government's W.T. Message No.RRT. 144/75, dated 17th July, 1975 and No.RRT.144/75, dated 19th July, 1975. The aforesaid instruction clearly stated that a certificate for allotment should be given to tenants occupying tenanted vested land where settlement under Section 16 had not been given on realisation of premium for the present till they obtain settlement and the Ceiling Act. Subsquently, Government also clearified under letter No.RRT.169/75/Pt/36, dated 12th January, 1977 that a cultivating tenant in occupation shall be entitled to get allotment of land under his occupation to the extent of ceiling limit inclusive of his other land. Thus the procedure for issue of allotment certificate to tenants was only a stop gap arrangement till formal settlement is given under Section 16 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956.
- (4) As the provisions under Section 16 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 are strictly confined for the cultivating tenants only and as there was no specific provision for settlement of acquired ceiling surplus land with the non-cultivating tenants. Government had to issue another instruction under letter No. RRT.81/74/Pt/19, dated 26th July, 1977 outlining the procedure to be followed for settlement homestead land under occupation of the non-agricultural tenants under Section 17 of the aforesaid Act.
- (5) It may so happen that the cultivating tenants in the meantime had transferred his holding which may necessitate the settlement of the acquired ceiling surplus land with the transferee. All such cases should be brought to the notice of Government before offering settlement with full facts.
- (6) In the light of what has been stated above, immediate steps should be taken to grant settlement to cultivating tenants in actual occupation of the land, subject to ceiling limit under Section 16 of the Act in so far as their land falls outside 12.80 K.M. (8 Miles) from the erstwhile Gauhati Municipal peripheral area and 3.20 K.M. (2 Miles) of the peripheral areas of any other Municipal or Revenue Towns as the case may be.

Separate instruction will follow in respect of land ceiling within the above town areas, Government instruction communicated under letter No.RSS.117/76/196, dated 4th July, 1979 should be strickly adhered to.

Sd/- P. K. DUTTA,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department.

Memo No.RRT.199/75/179-A Dated Dispur, the 18th March, 1982 Copy to:-

- 1. The Commissioner, Lower Assam Division, Guwahati for favour of information.
- 2. The Commissioner, Upper Assam Division, Jorhat for favour of information.
- 3. The Commissioner, Hills Division, Basistha Road, Gauhati for favour of information.
- 4. (All) Deputy Commissioner.
- 5. (All) Sub-Divisional Officer.
- 6. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Gauhati.
- 7. The Director of Land Requn., Acqun. and Reforms, Assam, Gauhati-1.
- 8. Revenue (Settlement) Department.
- 9. Revenue (L.R.) Department.
- 10. Guard File and concerning Assistants.

By Order etc.,

Sd/- (B. R. MAZUMDAR)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (Reforms) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT TENANCY BRANCH

No.RRT.31/83/32 Dated Dispur, the 2nd April, 1984

To: The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Guwahati.

Sub: Allotment/Settlement of land under the Assam State Acquisition

of lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institutions of Public

Nature Act, 1959.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to your letter quoted above and to say that Government letter No.RRT.171/75/Pt/35, dated 27th August, 1975 has referred to allotment/settlement of land acquired under the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 as amended up-to-date while the cases of Shri Pradip Kumar Hazarika and Shri Mohan Ch. Gogoi and others relate to land acquired and settled under Section 15 (a) of the Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institutions of Public Nature Act, 1959.

Here it may be pointed out that land acquired under the Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act has a different status as the land so acquired did not vest in the State free of encumbrance so far as rights of a rayat whether agricultural or non-agricultural tenant are concerned. [Sec. 3(1) of the Act read with Sec. 2(c).]

It has been provided under Sec. 1(2) of this Act (Religious or Charitable Institution Act) that it extends to the whole of Assam, Unlike the Ceiling Act it adopts a separate definition of land which does not confine to land meant for agriculture or purposes subservient thereto. Similarly the definition of tenant under Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act includes both agricultural or non-agricultural tenant.

If may be mentioned here that on acquisition of land under Section 3(1) of the Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act, 1959, the State stepped into the shoes of the institutions; but the rights of the rayats will continue under the Government. In absence of expressed provision in the Rent Laws for the time being in force in 1959 (Temporarilly Settled Districts) Tenancy Act, 1935 and Assam Non-agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy Act, 1955, as amended) the rayats in non-agricultural arteas of towns/civil stations shall

device their rights by way of contracts, agreements/court decrees etc. Length of possession and rent receipts are very much meterial in this regard.

Section 15 of the Act which inter alia provides, "where the land acquired under this Act is in occupation of a rayat on the date of Notification under Section 3" read with Section 3(1) and 2 (c) of the Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act, 1959 makes it amply clear that this Act endevours to give settlement of land to all classes of rayats agricultural and non-agricultural. Naturally, Assam (T.S.A.) Tenancy Act, 1971 does not allow recording of Tenancy in non-agricultural town areas. Mention of Tenancy Act, 1971 in Section 15(a) of Religious of Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act, 1959 is therefore only the standard to determine the Status of tenant whether occupancy or non-occupancy in non-agricultural town areas by length of their possession.

Therefore, subject to ceiling limit under Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 and Rule 66 of Settlement Rules under Assam Land Revenue Regulation Act, 1986, occupants of such acquired land may be given settlement upto a limit of $1^{11}/_{2}$ bighas per family. This being the limit of conversion of annual land into periodic within town and peripheries, all non-agricultural tenants having use and occupancy over the land on the date of acquisition under Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Act, 1959 within such area may be given settlement subject to the same limit of $1^{11}/_{2}$ bighas for homestead purpose.

Cases of occupants in excess of this limit may be reported to Government immediately.

Yours faithfully,

(A. BARUA)

Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Revenue Department.

Memo No.RRT.31/83/32-A Dated Dispur, the 2nd April, 1984

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- 1. The Commissioner of Lower Assam Division, Guwahati.
- 2. The Commissioner of Upper Assam Division, Jorhat.
- 3. The Commissioner of Hills and Cachar Division, Guwahati.
- 4. The Commissioner of North Assam Division, Tezpur.
- 5. (All) Deputy Commissioner.
- 6. (All) Sub-Divisional Officer.
- 7. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Gauhati.
- 8. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms, Assam, Gauhati-1.
- 9. (All) Settlement Officer.
- 10. (All) Senior Assistant Settlement Officer.
- 11. P. S. to Chief Minister/P.S. to Minister, Revenue Dispur.
- 12. The Deputy Secretary Legislative Department, Dispur.

By Order etc.,

(U. C. DUTTA)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (R) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT TENANCY BRANCH

No.RRT.37/77/121

Dated Dispur, the 18th June, 1984

To : The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Guwahati.

Sub: Status of existing tenants in greater Guwahati area.

Ref.: D.O. No.KRL. 177/83, dated 20th September, 1983.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Amendment Bill of the Assam (Temporalily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 which was passed by the Assam Assembly on 6th June, 1983 shall take effect from the 5th March, 1973 the date on which Guwahati Municipal Corporation Act 1969 came in to force. The sale object of redefining "Town Land" in Section 3 subsection (18) of the Assam (Temporalily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 by including all areas falling within the jurisdiction of Guwahati Municipal Corporation was to bring conformity between the two Acts mentioned above. The result will be that there shall not be further recording of tenancy under this Act or under the Assam Land Revenue Regulation 1886 along with regular resettlement operation in Guwahati Municipal Corporation area and also other notified Towns/Municipalities/Corporations as may be notified in future. As far as the status of the existing tenants recorded in such areas is concerned, it has been examined and found that they shall continue to remain tenants as before till their rights are acquired or modified or terminated through any procedure established by law. The Amendment of 1983 in the definition of Town Land in the Assam (Temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 is not a procedure in that sense.

It may be mentioned here that the record of rights operation was taken up as per procedure laid down in Chapter X of the Assam (Temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971. The operation was finally closed by a Notification under Section 58 (3) after a certificate of final publication under Section 58 (2) by the D.C. Even for maintenance of tenants interests by registering all changes in the ownership accompanied by possession of such interests an order of the State Government under Section 60 of the Assam (Temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 is necessary.

Further, there is no provision of recording any tenancy under the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy Act, 1955.

Therefore, such difficulties may arise in case of the Mariani Town, Bokakhat Town etc. where notifications declaring township or Municipalities came after the closure of tenants' record-of-right operation. There is no provision as such in the Assam (Temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 clarifying the position whether the record of rights prepared under Chapter III, Part D of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation 1886 or under Chapter X of the Assam (temporarily Settled Areas) Tenancy Act, 1971 shall be extinguished by virtue of the fact that the land is included in Towns/Municipalities/Corporations. However, we may here refer to the decision of the Gauhati High Court in Mahendra Lal Barua-VS-Ramprasad (AIR. 1954) Assam 109 (1954) ILR (6) Assam 10.

In view of what has been stated above, the existing tenants already recorded as such in the Guwahati Municipal Corporation area will continue to get protection of their rights as before till adequate provisions are made in the law by the Legislature to cover such matters.

Yours faithfully,

(A. BARUA)

Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Revenue Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT GENERAL BRANCH

No.RRG.61/85/Pt-I/15

Dated Dispur, the 26th June, 1986

To : 1. All Deputy Commissioners.

- 2. All Sub-Divisional Officers of Plains District of Assam.
- 3. All Settlement Officers

Sub: Granting of Joint Title to husband and wife in allotment of House-

Sites under M.N.P. Scheme.

Sir,

In enclosing herewith a copy of D.O. Letter No.14012/5/85-LRD, dated 9th October, 1985 from the Secretary of Rural Development Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of India addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, I am directed to say that the Government of India has suggested that as one of the measures of quickening the pace of improving the status of women, titles in respect of house-sites and huts granted under the M.N.P. Scheme should be conferred jointly on husband and wife. The suggestion has been accepted. Therefore, while formulating the schemes as mentioned in the letter, the names of the wives should also be entered in the allotment certificate as joint allottees and subsquently if and when land is settled the title on house-sites should be conferred jointly on them.

Action taken in this regard may kindly be intimated to Government early.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- (D. N. BHATTACHARYYA)

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department.

Memo No.RRG.61/85/Pt-I/15-A Dated Dispur, the 26th June, 1986 Copy to :-

- 1. The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 in continuation to this Department letter No.RRG.61/85/Pt-I/14, dated 18th June, 1986.
- 2. The Director of Land Requn., Acqun. and Reforms, Assam, Gauhati-1 for information.

By Order etc.,

Sd/- (D. N. BHATTACHARYYA)

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department.

Copy of D.O. No.14012/5/85-LRD, dated New Delhi the 9th October, 1985.

From: Secretary of Rural Development,

Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development,

Government of India,

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.

To: Shrimati P. P. Trivedi,

Chief Secretary,

Government of Assam, Dispur.

Dear Mrs. Trivedi,

With the advent of the Seventh Five Year Plan it is extremely essential for us to take stock of the progress made in the Sixth Plan towards the provision of equal rights and privileges for women, particularly those in the rural areas. The Five Year Plans have consistently placed special emphasis on providing various welfare and development schemes to improve the status and living conditions of women and to increase their access to resources. Special steps have also been envisaged to remove legal, social and other constraints to enable women to make full use of their rights and opportunities.

The Sixth Plan had stated that to accelerate the improvement of the status of women steps should be taken to make them economically independent one of the policy directives of the Sixth Plan was that "Government would endeavour to give joint titles to husband and wife in all development activities involving transfer of assets. This should be taken up for implementation to start with in programme like distribution of land and house sites and beneficiary-oriented economic units". In the conference of the State Revenue Ministers held in May, 1985 at New Delhi one of the recommendation made in the conference was to provide joint titles to the head of the household and the spouse whenever land is allotted by Government and if the States need to make any legal provisions in this regard, they may have to do at the earliest.

The need to accelerate the development of women and children in the rural areas is being given a very high priority by the Government. We have already increased the minimum coverage of women under various programmes like IRDP programme.

I would, therefore, request you to give due consideration to this policy directive of the Sixth Plan which has by and large remained unimplemented in almost all the States and Union Territories while women have been individually given lands but no efforts have been made in the States to provide joint titles as was envisaged in the Sixth Plan. I would request you to kindly give due priority to this very important policy directive and to intimate the action taken by the State Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully, Sd/- (D. BANDYOPADHYAY.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT : DISPUR

No.RRG.99/89/39

Dated Dispur, the 23rd January, 1990

To : 1. All Deputy Commissioners.

2. All Sub-Divisional Officers

Sub: Regularisation of tenanted ceiling surplus land Vis-a-vis conferring

Title over the tenanted land to the tenants.

Sir,

It has come to the knowledge of the Government that the Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers have been facing difficulties for regularisation of tenanted ceiling surplus land for the provision of Rule 16 (1) (b) framed under the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act, 1956.

After careful examination of the substantive law in Section 16 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act, 1956 and the recommendation of the Assam Land Reforms Commission on the subject it is decided to regularise the tenanted land by issuing premium paying notice after consulting the compensation proposals already disposed of by the Government and after due adjustment of the share of compensation of the tenants interest for regularisation of land with the cultivating tenants as prescribed by law within a stipulated period according to the administrative convenience of Deputy Commissioner and Sub-Divisional Officer. It is, therefore decided that Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers may not insist for any formal application for regularisation as envisaged in Rule 16 (1) (b) of the above noted Act.

It is, further, informed that the District and Sub-Divisional administration should make an earnest endevour to accomodate the programme of M.N.P. (House-site) and Central Sector Schemes to fulfill the target already intimated by Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms in respect of District/Sub-Divisions where ever the usual norms of the Schemes is fulfilled by the deserving tenants in course of regularisation of ceiling surplus land with tenants under the above discussed procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- (D.K. GANGOPADHYAY)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department.

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Memo No.RRG. 99/89/39-A Dated Dispur, the 23rd January, 1990 Copy to:-

- 1. All Commissioners, of Lower Assam Division, Guwahati/Upper Assam Division, Jorhat/North Assam Division, Tezpur/Hills and Barak Valley Division, Dispur.
- 2. The Director of Land Requisition, Acquisition and Reforms, Assam, Ambari, Gauhati-1.
- 3. The Director of Land Records, Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21.

By Order etc.,

Sd/- (D. K. GANGOPADHYAY)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue Department, Dispur.

PART-III

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH)

(COPY)

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH

No.RLA.90/82/2, Dated Dispur, the 31st May, 1982.

Form: Shri N. C. Das, A.C.S.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To: 1. The Deputy Commissioner.....

2. The Sub-Divisional Officer

Sub: Head to limit acquisition of land to the minimum necessary area.

Sir,

In enclosing herewith a copy of letter No.22011/29/2/82/-LPD, dated 5th March, 1982 received from Government of India, I am directed to say that Government of India, has expressed concern over reports of Acquisition of land in excess of requirement and also diversion of good agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. It has been felt that due to significant increase of population in urban & rural areas, demand for land as well as for agricultural products has increased considerably. Sometimes acquisition of land also causes real hardship to the land owner specially with small holdings and only payment of compensation cannot mitigate their hardship. It is, therefore, necessary to examine the land acquisition proposals and the area of the land proposed to be acquired carefully before processing and to see that the land in excess of actual requirement is not acquired and acquisition of land is limited to be minimum.

You are, therefore, requested to examine the L.A. proposals received from the concerned Department carefully, in the above light so that land in excess of requirement is not acquired and diversion of good agricultural land for the use of non-agricultural purposes is limited to the minimum.

Enclosed :- As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (LR) Department.

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Memo No.RLA. 90/82/2-A, Dated Dispur, the 31st May, 1982.

Copy with a copy of the sforesaid Government of India's letter for :-

- 1. The Commissioner of Divisions, Upper Assam Division/ Lower Assam Division and Hills.
- 2. The Director of Land Acquisition, Requisition, and Reforms, Assam, Guwahati.
- 3. All Under Secretaries/Deputy Secretaries of the Department.

Enclose: - As Above.

By Order etc.,

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (LR) Department.

(COPY)

No. 22011/29/2/82-LRD

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 5th March, 1982.

To : Chief Secretaries (All State Governments)

Sub: Head to limit acquisition of land to the minimum necessary area.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Prime Minister has recently expressed concern over reports of acquisition of land in excess of requirement and observed that acquisition should be limited to the area absolutely necessary.

While it is inevitable that the State's need for land will increase with enlargement in its development functions, it is necessary that utmost restraint is excersised in acquisition. As a matter of fact, the growing need of the State for land should inspire an attitude of acquiring only so much land as is absolutely necessary for the project. There can be no doubt that acquisition cases hardship to land where especially those with small holding and the hardship is not always mitigated by payment of compensation to the owner. That apart, the land acquired in excess of requirement represents an avoidable waste of the State's scarce resources. As is well known the availability of land, particularly of good agricultural land, is limited. The net shown area has subject to marginal fluctuations, remained fixed at about 140 million hectares through out the last decade. In the meantime, increases in both the overall population and the rural population have been significant leading to much larger demand for agricultural products and for land based employment. It will oviously be in the public interest to conserve as much land as possible for agricultural production and not to permit its

- diversion to non-agricultural purposes except when such diversion subserves an important public purpose. Even then, the diversion should be limited to the minimum.
- 3. It is suggested that the State Government may consider issuing suitable instructions along these lines to all concerned enjoining upon them the need for very careful examination both of the proposal for acquisition and the area proposed for acquisition.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- M. SUBRAMANIAH),

Additional Secretary to the Government of India,

Copies to :-

- 1. Chief Secretaries of all Union Territory Administrations.
- 2. Revenue Secretaries of all State Governments.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH

No.RLA.208/79/80, Dated Dispur, the 23rd February, 1984.

Form: Shri Ahmed Ali, A.C.S.

Under Secretary to the Government of Assam.

To: The Deputy Commissioner.....

The Sub-Divisional Officer

Sub: De-requisition of properities requisitioned under the Requisition

& Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952.

Sir,

In enclosing copies of Government of India letters No.19016 (2)/79-Pol-IV, dated 7th June, 1980 and O.M. No. 19016(2)/79-Pol IV/Vol-III, dated 13th March, 1981 and No.19016(4)/79-Pol, IV, dated 29th October, 1983 and a copy of Gazette of India Extraordinary, dated 5th April, 1980. I am directed to request you to please take steps as instructed therein and inform Government from time to time.

Enclosed :- As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue (LR) Department.

Copy of the letter No. 19016(2)/79-Pol. (II) :-

From Deputy Director of Estates, Government of India, Ministry of Works and Housing Directorate of Estates Policy Cell, New Delhi to the Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur and Secretary of Other States.

Sub : Requisition and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Act, 1980.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Gazette of India Estraordinary, Part II, Section I, dated the 5th April, 1980 in which the above mentioned Act was published for information and guidence. The implications of the Amending Act are as follows:-

- (i) Any property requisitioned or deemed to have been requisitioned under the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952 prior the 11th March, 1970 could be retained under requisition upto the 10th March, 1985.
- (ii) Any property requisitioned under the said Act on or after the 11th March, 1970 can be retained under requisition for a maximum period of 15 years from the date on which possession of such property was surrendered or delivered to or taken by the competent authority under Section 4 thereof unless such property is acquired under section 7 of the principal Act within a period of 15 years.
- (iii) The recurring payment in respect of any property requisitioned under the Principal Act shall be revised periodically in the manner and in accordance with the principles set out in the Amending Act.

(COPY)

No. 19016(2)/78-Pol. IV/Vol. III

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DIRECTORATE OF ESTATES

New Delhi dated the 13th March, 1981.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: De-requisition of properties requisitioned under the RAIP Act, 1952

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Ministry's letter No.19016(2)/78-Pol. IV, 7th June, 1980 on the above subject and to say that during the courses of discussion in the Parliament regarding the above mentioned Act, the then Minister of Works and Housing indicated that the Ministry of Works & Housing have drawn up a phased programme for releasing the requisitioned buildings being used as residence within a period of one year from 10th March, 1980 and that the Ministry of Works & Housing are also contemplating to draw re-phased programme for acquiring or releasing the other buildings within a period of 3 to 5 years.

The Ministry of Defence etc. are requested to keep in view of the observations of the then Minister of Works and Housing made on the floor of the House and take necessary steps to either release or acquire the requisitioned properties.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- R. S. SOOD

Deputy Director of Estate,

To

All the Ministers/Departments of the Govt. of India.

Copy also forwarded to the :-

- (1) Chief Secretary of all the State Governments and Union Territories.
- (2) D. D. (C).
- (3) A.D. (R) for necessary action.

Sd/- R. S. SOOD

Deputy Director of Estate,

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No. 19016(4) /79/Pol. IV

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS & HOUSING

New Delhi, the 22nd October, 1985.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: De-requisitioning of properties requisitioned under the Requisitioning & Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952.

With the Directorate of Estate, letter No. 19016 (2)/79-Pol. IV, dated 7th June 1989 a copy of the Gazette of India Extraordinary, dated 5th April 1980 incorporating the amendment made in the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952 by the Amending Act, 1980 was forwarded to the State Governments, Union Territories Administrations and all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. The following implications consequent on the amendments to the Principal Act made by Amendment Act of 1868 were also brought to their notice:-

- (i) Any property requisitioned or deemed to have been re-quisitioned under the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952 prior to the 11th March, 1979 could be retained under requisition upto the 10th March, 1985.
- (ii) Any property requisitioned under the said Act on or after the 11th March, 1970 can be retained under requisition for a maximum period of 15 years from the date on which possession of such property was surrendered, or delivered to or taken by the competent authority under section 4 thereof unless such property is acquired under section 7 of the principal Act within a period of 15 years.
- (iii) The recurring payment in respect of any property requisitioned under the principal Act shall be revised per indically in the manner and in accordance with the principals set out in the Amending Act.
- 2. By a subsequent office Memorandum No. 19016 (2)/79-Pol. IV (Vol. III), dated 3rd May 1981 issued by the Directorate of Estates, all Ministries/Departments were informed about the statement made by the Ministry of Works & Housing on the Floor of Parliament during

the course of discussion of the Bill in 1980 that the Ministry of Works & Housing have drawn up a phased programme for releasing the requisitioned building being used as residence within a period of one year from 10th March, 1980 and this Ministry was also contemplating to draw a phased programme for acquiring or releasing the other buildings within a period of three to five years. The Ministries/Departments were requested to keep in view the observations of the Minister of Works and Housing made on the filler of the Parliament and to take steps either to release or acquire the requisitioned properties.

It would be observed from the above quoted communications issued by the Directorate of Estates that all the requisitioned properties being used as residences were to be released within one year from 10th March 1980 and other properties requisitioned prior to 10th March 1970 are to be released on 10th March 1985. Any other property requisitioned after 11th March 1980 can be retained for a maximum period of 15 years from the date on which the property was requisitioned. It would, therefore be necessary for the State Governments Union Territories, Ministeries Departments of the Government of India etc. to review all Cases where Properties have been requisitioned or deemed to have been requisitioned under the provisions of Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable property Act, 1952 and take further action as indicated in the communications issued by the Directorate of Estates referred to above. Ministeries/ Departments State Governments and Union Territories are therefore, requested to ensure that necessary action as indicated above is taken if not already done, So as to ensure that the provisions of the Requisitioning & Acquisition of Immovable Properly Act are strictly complied with by all concerned.

Sd/- (M. SRINIVASAN)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Ministeries/Departments of Government of India as per list. Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- 1. Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Union Territories.
- 2. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi.
- 3. Administrator, N. D, M. G., New Delhi.

Sd./-

Joint Stcretary to the Government of India.

Copy also forwarded for necessary action to:-

- 1. Office & Requisition Section etc, of Estates.
- 2. Deputy Director (). Dtd of 'Estates.
- 3. Estate Manager. Bombay/Calcutta.
- 4. Asstt. Estate Manager, Simla, Nagpur, Faridabad, Chandigarh, Ghaslabad.
- 5. Director General of Works. PWD, Nirman Bhawan with 20 spare copies.
- 6. Deputy Director (Rents) Dte of Estates.
- 7. All other attached and Sub-Ordinate Offices under the Ministry of Works & Housing.
- 8. Regions Section.

Sd/- (V. S. RAMAN)
Deputy Director of Estates.

MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 5th April, 1980/Chaitra 16 1982 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 5th April, 1980 and is hereby published for general information :-

THE REQUISITIONING AND ACQUISITION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1980

No. 35 of 1980 (5th April, 1980)

An Act further to amend to Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable property Act, 1952.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty first year of the Republic of India as follows:-

> 1. (1) This Act may be called the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (amendment) Act, 1980,

Short title and commencement

30 of 1952

- (2) This Act, except section 4 thereof, shall be deemed to have Come into force on the 7th day of March 1980.
- of Section 8
- Amendment 2. In section 6 of the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable property Act, 1952 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in Sub-section (1A) for the words "ten years" wherever they occurd the words "fifteen years" shall be Substituted.

of Section 8

- Amendment 3. In Section 8 of the Principal Act, in Sub-section (RA):
 - (a) in clause (a) for sub-clause (II) the following subclause shall be substituted namely :-
 - (i) Secondly with effect from the expiry of five years and thirdly with effect from the expiry of ten years, from such commencement.":

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- (b) in Clause (b) for sub-clause (1) the following sub-clause shall be substituted namely:-
- (ii) secondly with' effect from the date of expiry of five years, and thirdly with effect from the date of expiry of ten years from the date on which the revision made under sub-clause (1) takes effect,".
- (c) for clause (C) the following clause shall be substituted namely:-
- (c) in any other case,-
- (1) First with effect from the date of expiry of five years from the date on which possession of such property has been surrendered or delivered to, or taken by, the competent authority under section 4 and
- (ii) Secondly with effect from the date of expiry of five years from the date on which the revision under sub-clause [1] takes effect".

Amendment of Section 22

- 4. In Section 22 of the Principal Act, for sub-section (3) the following Sub-section shall be substituted namely -
- (3) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it made before both Houses of Parliament while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule:

of 1980.

Ordinance 1 5 (1) The Requisitioning and Acquisitson of immovable property (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 is hereby repealed.

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(2) Not with standing such repeal anything done or any action taken under the Principal Act as amended by the said ordinace shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Principal Act, as amended by this Act.

> Sd/-P. V. S. PERI SASTRI, Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH

No.RLA.10/88/1

Dated Dispur, the 17th February, 1988.

From: Shri S. N. Bhagawati, A. C. S.,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt of Assam.

To

(1) All Deputy Commissioners.

(2) All Sub-Divisional Officers.

Sub: Approval of Award in respect of Land Acquisition cases under

L. A. Act, 1894 and Land (R&A) Act, 1964.

Sir,

In supersession of this Department's letter No. RLA. 155/85/11 ,dated 5th October, 1985 (Copy enclosed for ready reference), I am directed to say that (1) the draft award statement should inveriably be furnished to . Government. in Revenue (LR) Department for approval for the L.A. cases of both the Acts i.e. 1894 and 1964.

- 2. The Notification U/S 4(1) and the Declaration U/S 6(1) of the L.A. Act, 1894 & 9(1) of L. A. Act. 1964 be published in the official Gazette as well as in two issues of 2 local news papers one in English and the order in the regional language.
- 3. The news paper bills be furnished to the requiring Department for payment.

I am, therefore, to request you kindly to furnish the draft award statements of your District/Sub-Division and the L. A. Estimates for approval by Government as required.

Yours faithfully,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Revenue (LR) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND REVENUE BRANCH

No. RLA. 247//88/4

Dated Dispur the 23rd December, 1988.

From: Shri T. K. Bora, I.A.S.,

Secretary to the Government of Assam,

Revenue (LR) Department.

To : The Deputy Commissioner.

Subject: Proposal for creation/retention of Staff relating to Land Acquisition

works of various Departments.

Sir,

I am directed to say that for Land Acquisition Requisition works of different departments in your Districts additional staff are being entertained and retained since a long period of time. You are aware that initially such staff were created for a specified work for a specified period only. It may not be possible to complete the whole work by the staff within the sanctioned period for which retention of some of the posts might become necessary. Again, due to some additional works coming up during the period it may necessitate retention of the whole staff for further period and in certain cases even additional posts might be required to be created. There can, however, be no ground for retention of the whole staff in all cases for an indefinite period without proper justification supported by facts and figures, pending works loads etc.

It appears that in many cases proposals for retention of staff for above mentioned works are submitted to Government in a most casual piecemeal and routine manner and no concerete particulars justifying retention of staff for further period are furnished by many district authorities for which such proposals can not be finalised within the stipulated period i.e. before the expiry of the period of last sanctiond. By the time the required particulars are furnished

by the concerned Deputy Commissioners (that too after repeated requests) the validity of the period of retention expires requiring the administrative department to move Finance Department for ex-post facto sanction. It also appears that in some cases the District authorities retain the staff themselves although no such delegation of powers to retain post were made to Deputy Commissioners Such exercise of power to retain posts without proper delegation of power by the competent authority (i.e. Finance Department) is a serious financial irregularity)

It is also seen that the district authorities do not indicate the proper Head of account to which the expenditure for retention of the posts is debitable and also whether fund will be available under the appropriate head to meet the expenditure. Consequently, the matter requires to be referred back to the district authorities seeking the information 'on above causing great avoidable delay to finalise such proposals.

In case of the proposal for retention of posts for Railway Acquisition projects the particulars as to whether the expenditure involved has been deposited by the Railway authority (with details of Challans, Cheques etc.) are not properly indicated.

With a view not to recur such irregularity and also to avoid dalay you are requested to see that while submitting proposal for retention of posts for various Land Acquisition/Requisition works in your district, the particulars in the enclosed two statements (Annexure-I and Annexure-II) are furnished well ahead of the expiry of the period of last sanction through the Director of Land Requisition/Acquisition and Reforms, so that Government sanction for retention or otherwise of the posts can be issued timely, failing which it will be the responsibility of the local authorities for any complicacy arising due to unauthorised retention of staff and expenditure involved therein.

The receipt of this communication may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated above.

Sd/-

Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (LR) Department, Dispur.

Memo Memo No. RLR 247/88/4-A, Dated Dispur, the 23rd December, 1988.

Copy:-

1. The Director of Land Requisition Acquisition and Reforms Assam, Guwahati. He is requested to examine such proposals received from the Deputy Commissioner, thoroughly, before the same are recommended to the Government. It may also please be ensured that such proposals are submitted to Government well ahead of the period of expiry of the last sanction.

By orders etc.,

Sd/-Secretary to the Government of Assam. Revenue (LR) Department.

S1.	Name of requring No of originally created					Post retained last				Further retentions received			H/A to which	Remarks
No.	Deptt. 1.c.								Period	Name of	No.	Period	the Epxdr. is	
	for whom	date of	of Post	No. of	up to	date of	of Post		up to	Post			dede table	
	the land is	Govt.		Post	which	Govt.			which					
	to be	order			created	order			retained					
	acquired/													
	requisitioned.													
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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE POSTING OF PENDING LAND ACQUISITION/REQUISITION WORKS RELATING TO DISTRICT/SUB-DIVISION

SI. No.	Name of requiring Department	No. of cases for which post originally entertained	No. of cases disposed of during the period for entertainment	No. of new cases taken up during the period	No. of cases disposed of during the period	Total no. of cases pending at the close of the year with present position requiring retention of the whole staff	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH

No. RLA. 90/86/30

From · Shri G C Medhi A C S

Dated Dispur, the 3rd October, 1989.

110111	•	Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam
То	:	The Deputy Commissioner,

The Sub-Divisional Officer.

Sub : Sequence in the Publication of Notification under section 4 (1) and Declaration under section 6 (1) of L.A. Act, 1894 in the light of ruling of the Supereme Court of India AIR 1989 S. O. 682.

Sir.

I am directed to say that in view of the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of India published in AIR 1989 S. C. 682 interpreting the amendments made in the provisions of the Section 4 (1), 6 (1) and 17 (4) of the Land Aequisitien Act, 1894 by Government of India Act, No. 68 of 1984, please take action to cause publication of the Declaration under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the L. A. Act 1894:—

- 1. in the Official Gazette by the Director, Printing and Stationery,
- 2. in the two daily news papers circulating in the locality of which at least one in the regional language by the Director, Information and Public Relation, and
- 3. the Substance of such declaration to be given at convenient places in the said locality by the Collector, and

only after the DATE of publication of the Notification under sub-section (1) of the section 4 of the L. A. Act in the (i) Locality, in the (ii) News papers and in the (iii) Official Gazette, the last of the dates of such publication and giving of such public notice, being herein after referred to as the DATE of

publication of the Notification EVENIF the emergency provision under subsection 4 or Section 17 of the L. A. Act is involved and the provision of hearing objection under Section 5-A is dispensed with.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. Medhi,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (L.R.) Department.

Memo No. RLA/90/86/30-A Dated Dispur, the 3rd October, 1989.

- 1. Copy to all the Administrative Department, Government of Assam and land requiring Departments and others statutory bodies of the Union Government for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Director, Information and Public Relation, Basistha Road, Dispur, Guwahati-6. He is requested to publish the Notification and the Declaration in the two news papers as stated above and to direct the publisher of the news paper to submit the bills to the respective Deputy Commissioner for payment. The publisher is also to supply one copy of the issue of the news paper on which the notification is printed to the Government. Revenue (L. R.) Department, Dispur and one copy to the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- 3. The Director, Printing and Stationery, Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21. He is requested to supply 5 copies of the Gazette to the Government in Revenue (L. R.) Department Dispur and 5 copies to the concerned Deputy Commissioner.

By Order etc.,

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue (L.R.) Department.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM REVENUE (LR) DEPARTMENT LAND ACQUISITION BRANCH

No. RLA. 317/87/234, Dated Dispur, the 22nd November, 1989.

From : Shri D. K. Gangopadhyay, I.A.S.,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam,

Revenue (LR) Department.

To : 1. The Commissioner,

- 2. The Deputy Commissioner,
- 3. The Sub-Divisional Officer.
- 4. The Director of Land Requisition Acquisition and Reforms, Assam, Guwahati.

Sub : Revision in compensation for tea bushes.

Ref : This Departments letter No. RLQ 20/72/9,

Dated 12th September, 1972.

Sir,

I am Directed to refer to the letter No. RLQ. 20/72/9, dated 12th September, 1972 on the subject cited above and after recasting the Krishanamurthy Formula, the Governor of Assam is pleased to fix the following governing factors for determining compensation for tea bushes with effect from 1st April, 1989.

- 1. Cost of fresh plantation not exceeding Rs. 45,000/- per hectare.
- 2. Annual net profit from tea bushes per hectare Rs. 10,000/- You are requested to take necessary action accordingly. Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- Illegible,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Reven ue (LR) Department.

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