

## 31. ISSUANCE OF LAND OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

**Copy of memo. No.5/862-79/C/96 dated 9-2-95, from the Director of Land Records & Surveys and Joint Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal to the District Land & Land Reforms Officer, .....**

**Sub : Issuance of certificates of land holdings to the candidate applying for O.B.C. Certificates by the the Block Land & Land Reforms Officers.**

A question has been arisen whether the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer may issue a certificate of Land Holdings to the candidates applying for O.B.C. certificates.

After careful consideration, it has been decided that the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer may issue necessary certificate, if called for, as per declaration of the applicant concerned and after verification of the land declared with reference to record of rights within the jurisdiction of the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer. In case the candidates do not submit the details of land schedule including the name of mouza, Plot No., Khatian No. etc. the same be ascertained at the time of verification on issue of notice to the applicant. While issuing such certificates the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer should use a rubber stamp in the following format.

“The particulars noted in the application in respect of land holding are verified as per declaration with reference to R.O.Rs. within this Block jurisdiction.”

He is therefore requested to direct the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer concerned to take necessary action accordingly.

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS AND SURVEYS  
AND JOINT LAND REFORMS COMMISSIONER, WEST BENGAL,  
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Memo No.7/4923-40/C/2000

Dated, the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2000

**To  
The District Land & Land Reforms Officer**

**Sub : Verification of land ownership details for various purposes.**

Frequently various agencies are making the Land Reforms functionaries responsible for the certification of the landownership or as to the quantum of land held by a person. This is done without much thought in other states but the laws and procedure here in West Bengal being different from other states, free disclosure of actual landownership details is not usually done.

Nevertheless, as it is our responsibility, we should verify and certify the land particulars to the best of our resources possible but at the same time we cannot allow the matter to linger long on the plea of proper verification. Usually certification of landownership is necessary for OBC certificates, developmental loans (short term, medium term and long term) of banks or co-operatives, Group Insurance Scheme for

landless Agriculture-labourers, Provident Fund Scheme for Landless Agricultural Labourers, or any other necessity as demanded by a Government Agency.

The main norm that should be followed is that under no circumstances a separate possession certificate / malikana certificate / land ownership certificate should be issued. If any such system is being followed it should be immediately dis-continued forthwith. The certification should be done on the **composite application form** involving other Government agencies itself and not as a separate sheet at all. The RI can do the verification himself or through a B.S. and the certification should be done finally by the BL&LRO himself or anyone in the charge of the BL&LRO Office. Under no circumstances should the form be handed over to the applicant himself but should be sent to the destination address directly. This is necessary to avoid the details going to the applicant directly.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Land Records and Surveys  
and Joint Land Reforms Commissioner,  
West Bengal.

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Dated, the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2000

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