

40. FUNCTION WITH PANCHAYAT

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section 'A', G.E. Branch.

Memo. No.6903 (15)-G.E./292/72,

dated, Calcutta, the 8th April, 1972.

To
The Collector / Deputy Commissioner.

Subject : Reconstitution of Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees – Principles for distribution of vested and khas lands.

A reference is invited to Board's Memo. No.6437 (15)-G.E., dated 30th March 1972, intimating dissolution of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees constituted under Board's Order No.18897(15)/GE, dated 13th December, 1971.

It has since been decided that the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees should be constituted as follows: -

1. The Local M.L.A. or his representative, Member,
2. Two representatives of the Political Parties recognized by the Election Commission [not more than one from each Political Party, which offered candidate in the last General Election held in March 1972, in the area concerned on the basis of the largest number of votes secured], Members,
3. Block Development Officer, Member,
4. Junior Land Reforms Officer, Convener – Secretary.

Besides, the State Government shall have powers of nominating members not more than four in number of which one must be of the eligible category of receiving land to represent special interest, if any, to the Advisory Committee.

While making settlement of the vested or khas land of a particular Anchal, the Anchal Pradhan should also be associated as a member of the Advisory Committee. Similarly, the Adhyaksha of Gram Sabha should function as a member of the Committee while settlement of land in his area is considered.

2. Any three members of the Committee of which the Junior Land Reforms Officer must be one, will form the quorum. Minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee should be properly kept.

3. For every meeting the members of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committee will elect its own Chairman from amongst the members present.

4. With the object of distribution of vested and khas land from time to time the Junior Land Reforms Officer shall maintain lists of landless and land-poor peasants and shall place the report of verification and enquiries made by the Land Reforms Staff in this regard before the abovementioned Advisory Committee for approval in regard to –

- (i) Distribution of vested or khas lands to eligible persons,
- (ii) Regularization of occupation of vested or khas lands held by eligible persons.

Agenda of the meeting, the particulars of land to be distributed as also the list of eligible cultivators should be communicated to each member of the Committee at least one week before the date of the meeting.

If any person has any grievance in respect of the list prepared by the Land Reforms Staff, he may apply for redress to the Advisory Committee and the Committee after making such enquiries, as it may deem necessary, shall settle the matter.

5. Instead of granting license on year to year basis permanent raiyati settlement shall be given. Such raiyati settlement should be given straightaway by executing the "Deed of Settlement" in Form 8A as prescribed in the West Bengal Land Reforms Rules in terms of instructions contained in Board's Memo. No.8700(15)-G.E., dated 21st May, 1971, read with Memo. No.8718(15)-G.E. , dated 27th May, 1971.

6. In this context the principles for distribution of vested or khas lands are enunciated below: -

(i) Normally persons holding licenses for more than one year and cultivating the land themselves or by the members of their family may be considered as eligible and permanent raiyati settlement may be given to such persons. But in case where the previous licensees who might also have been eligible cultivators were displaced from cultivation by new licensees, the cases should be put up before the newly constituted Advisory Committees who should decide the claims on grounds of equity and give raiyati settlement to one or other or divide the land between them as the Committee thinks best in the circumstances.

(ii) As regards khas and vested agricultural land that have not yet been distributed on license basis or khas and vested agricultural land under unauthorized occupation of eligible cultivators which would require regularization and new lands that would vest in the State, the Junior Land Reforms Officer should place the details of such land before the newly constituted Advisory Committee for their consideration.

When the list of eligible cultivators together with the lands that would be allotted to them shall receive the approval of the said Advisory Committee, the Junior Land Reforms Officer shall take action for permanent raiyati settlement of the same in the manner indicated in paragraph 5 above.

7. The Advisory Committees will start functioning immediately as these are constituted in accordance with the principles laid down in paragraph 1. The political parties which are to send their representatives to the Committee should be requested by the District Officers to send the names of their representatives to the Junior Land Reforms Officers concerned within seven days of receipt of the intimation from the district authorities.

It may , however, be added that if any such Political Party or Parties do not send the names of representatives within the prescribed period, the Advisory Committee should be deemed to have been constituted and they should start functioning provided there is quorum. Names of the representatives sent later on should be included in the Committee.

J. N. MOOKHERJEE,
Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No.6903/1(20)-G.E.

Copy forwarded to -

1. The Land Utilisation and Reforms and Land and Land Revenue Department (10 spare copies).
2. The Commissioner, Division.
3. The Director of Land Records and Surveys, West Bengal.
4. The Additional District Magistrate (EA) (with sufficient spare copies for distribution to the Subdivisional Land Reforms Officers and Junior Land Reforms Officers).

for information (and necessary action) in continuation of Board's Memo. No.18897/1(20)-GE, dated 13th December, 1971.

Calcutta,
The 8th April, 1972.

A. ROY,
Special Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section 'A', G.E. Branch

No.23096(15)-G.E./1320/72,

dated, Calcutta, the 18th November, 1972.

To
The Additional District Magistrate (L.R.),

Subject : Recording of the proceedings of the meeting of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committee.

A reference is invited to this Office Memo. No.6903/1(20)-G.E., dated 8th April, 1972, wherein it was stated, among other things, that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees should be properly kept.

2. In order that a uniform procedure is followed in the matter it is instructed that –

- (i) the proceedings of the meeting should be written in Bengali;
- (ii) the names of the members of the Committee present in the meeting should be noted and the members should sign their names with date against their names ;
- (iii) the Chairman of the meeting should be elected first and this should be the first item of the meeting ;
- (iv) after election of the Chairman for the meeting agenda of the meeting should be taken up seriatim;
- (v) complete details of the distribution of vested land, viz., name of the mouza and J.L. No. in which the vested land is situated, khatian No., Plot No., area of the plot so distributed, both in figures and in words, and the full name of the allottee, his father's name and his address, should be noted both in the Minute Book and in the list prepared by the J.L.R.O., for subsequent dispatch to the S.D.O's Office through the S.L.R.O. and this list also should be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as also by each member present in the meeting with date on every page of it ;
- (vi) any overwriting or erasing in the minute should be signed by the Chairman of the meeting ;
- (vii) proceedings of the meeting should be written and completed immediately after the meeting and should be signed by the Chairman of the meeting before the members disperse, in any case the proceedings must invariably be signed by the Chairman and other members ;
- (viii) the Minute Book being a permanent record, it should be a bound volume and the papers should be of good quality ;
- (ix) after election of the Chairman of the meeting the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting should be read over and confirmed and the fact of such reading over and confirmation should be noted in the Minute Book before the Committee proceeds to consider the other items of the agenda.

3. Sufficient spare copies are enclosed for transmission to S.L.R.Os and the J.L.R.Os of the districts.

A. ROY,
Special Secretary
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No.23096/1(18)-G.E.

Copy forwarded to the –

1. Commissioner,Division,
 2. Collector/Deputy Commissioner,
- For information.

Calcutta,
The 18th November, 1972.

A. ROY,
Special Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section 'A', G.E. Branch.

Memo. No.1068(15)/G.E./292/72,

dated the 15th January, 1973.

To
The Collector / Dy. Commissioner.....

Subject : Reconstitution of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees.

A reference is invited to Board's Memo. No.6903 (15)-G.E., dated 8th April 1972, regarding reconstitution of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees.

2. It has since been decided that the Special Revenue Officer, Grade - II of the Settlement Directorate, within whose jurisdiction the Block is situated, will also be a member of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committee.

3. Accordingly the Special Revenue Officers, Grade II, will henceforth function as members of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committee.

J.N. MOOKHERJEE,
Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No.1068/1-G.E.

Copy with a copy of Board's Memo. No.6903(15)G.E., dated 8th April, 1972, forwarded to the Director of Land Records and Surveys, West Bengal, for information in continuation of Board's Memo No.6903/1(20) G.E., dated 8th April, 1972.

Necessary instructions may please be sent to all Settlement Officers and Special Revenue Officers accordingly.

Calcutta,
The 22nd January 1973.

A. ROY,
Special Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section 'A', G.E. Branch

Memo. No.21850(15)-G.E./292/72,

dated Calcutta, the 13th November, 1973.

To
The Collector / Deputy Commissioner.

Subject : Reconstitution of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees.

A reference is invited to Board's Memo. No.6903 (15)-G.E. , dated 8th April, 1972 on the above subject.

2. It has since been decided that the Special Officer, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare/Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Officer of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Department of the Government of West Bengal within whose jurisdiction

the Block is situated or his representative will also be a member of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committee.

3. Accordingly, the Special Officer, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare/Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Officer or his representative will henceforth function as members of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees.

J. N. MOOKHERJEE
Special officer and (ex-Officio) Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No.21850/I-G.E.

Copy with a copy of Memo. No.6903(15)-G.,E., dated 8th April, 1972, forwarded to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare, Department for information and necessary action with reference to their U/O notes bearing No.173-TW/P, dated 8th November, 1973, to the address of the Member, Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Calcutta,
The 13th November, 1973.

H. GHOSH,
Special Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section 'A', G.E. Branch.

Memo. No.12924(15)-G.E./352/75, dated Calcutta, the 30th July, 1975.

To
**The Additional District Magistrate (L.R.)/
The Additional Deputy Commissioner (L.R.).**

Subject : Functions of the Block Level Land Reforms Advisory Committees constituted under Board of Revenue's Memo. No.6903(15)-G.E., dated 8th April, 1972.

In the context of the provisions since made in the West Bengal Land Reforms Rules regarding consultation with the Land Reforms Advisory Committees for the purpose of settlement of khas and vested agricultural lands [vide Rule 20(A)(3a) of the Rules published under L.U. & R. and L. & L.R. Department notification no.1972-L. Ref., dated 21st January, 1975], the Board has been pleased to lay down the functions of the said Committees as follows :-

(i) to assist the officials in the preparation of eligibility list in their respective areas as envisaged under Board's memo. No.21654(17)-G.E., dated 9th November 1973, and to make recommendations for distribution of lands in conformity with the Rules and instructions laid down for the purpose;

(ii) to associate in the matter of conciliation of agrarian disputes especially arising in connection with sowing and harvesting of crops as between land owners and bargadars as also between any other rival claimants for the crops on the same land, etc.; and

(iii) Such other matters as the Board of Revenue or the Government may from time to time specify.

2. It is in this connection enjoined that consultation with the Land Reforms Advisory Committees will not be necessary in cases of -

(i) distribution of homestead lands under the House-site Scheme, as provided for in Board's memo. No.3778(15)-G.E. dated 14th March 1975; and

- (ii) allotment of land to Military Personnel, as provided for in Board's memo. No.21913(8)-G.E. dated 13th October, 1972.

3. In the matter of finalisation of mouzawari eligibility lists prepared in terms of Board's memo. No.21654(17)-G.E., dated 9th November 1973, in consultation with the Land Reforms Advisory Committees, it is reiterated that such lists should invariably be submitted to the Subdivisional Officers for final approval. Only when the Subdivisional Officers feel any difficulty they will refer these to the A.D.Ms (L.R.) and not otherwise.

4. In the matter of settlement of land if the recommendation of the Land Reforms Advisory Committees is not based on the Rules and instructions issued for the purpose from time to time, the Collector or the Additional District Magistrate or the Subdivisional Officer shall refer the case to the Committee for reconsideration stating the reasons clearly. If even after reconsideration the Committee sticks to its previous recommendation and the Collector or the A.D.M. or the S.D.O., as the case may be, is not satisfied, he may disregard such recommendation and proceed to distribute the land on the basis of the eligibility list.

The Collector or the A.D.M. or the S.D.O. shall proceed to finalise the distribution programme where this could not be done for lack of quorum or otherwise in two successive meetings of the Land Reforms Advisory Committee.

5. For the purpose of distribution of vested lands at least one meeting of the Land Reforms Advisory Committee should be convened every month.

6. Nothing in these instructions shall prevent the Collector or the A.D.M. or the S.D.O. in taking such action as may be considered appropriate even in a matter which is normally referred to the Land Reforms Advisory Committees for advice or recommendations, where the Collector / A.D.M. / S.D.O. is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary in the interest of the exigencies of Administration.

[Sufficient spare copies are enclosed for distribution among the S.L.R.Os and J.L.R.Os]

J. N. MOOKHERJEE,
Secretary
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No. 12924/1(69)-G.E.

Copy forwarded to the –

1. L.U. & R. and L. & L.R. Department, Government of West Bengal (with 10 spare copies);
2. Commissioner.....Division,
3. D.L.R. & S., West Bengal (with 10 spare copies) (He is requested to issue instructions to the S.R.O.s-II to attend the meeting of the Land Reforms Advisory Committees regularly).
4. Collector / Deputy Commissioner
5. Sub-divisional Officer,

for information and necessary action.

J. CHATTERJEE,
Deputy Secretary,
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Panchayats
11A, K. S. Roy Road, Calcutta - 1.

No.9701/Panch/2A-1/85

Dated : 13.4.89

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 124 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973 (West Ben. Act XLI of 1973), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendment in this Department notification No.23355/I/Panch dated the 25th July, 1985, relating to the appointment of officers of the State Government as members of a Sthayee Samiti of a Panchayat Samiti, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said notification):-

AMENDMENT

In the table appended below the said notification, under the heading "Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti", since renamed as "Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti", for the words "S.R.O.II or, where there is no such officer, one of the K.G.Os of the Settlement Department" against serial No.3; substitute the words "Block Land and Land Reforms Officer".

By Order of the Governor
L.B. Pariyar
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section - A(1) : G.E. Branch.

No.3922(17)-G.E.
165/89

Dated Calcutta the 20th April, 1989.

To
The District Land & Land Reforms Officer,

Subject : Inclusion of Block Land & Land Reforms Officer as a member of the Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti-distribution on vested agricultural lands.

The undersigned is directed to enclose copy of Notification No.9701/1/Panch/2A-1/85 dated 13.04.1989 of the Panchayat Department amending the earlier notification of the said Department regarding appointment of the Officers of the State Govt. as members of the "Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti" of a Panchayat Samiti. In terms of Board's Memo. No.16050 - GE dated 7.12.79 the "Unnayan Parikalpana-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti" (subsequently renamed as "Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti") will act as the Land Reforms Advisory Committee at Block Level in the matter of distribution of vested land. As a result of the present amendment, the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer has been appointed as member of the said Sthayee Samiti in place of the S.R.O. - II.

A review made by the Board of Revenue reveals that there has not been satisfactory progress in the matter of distribution of vested agricultural lands already at the disposal of the Collector and of the lands which will be distributed on resumption from the Panchayat Samities after joint verification. It is, therefore, necessary to launch a special programme to distribute all distributable lands as expeditiously as possible.

He is accordingly requested to chalk out a time-bound special programme to identify the distributable lands after joint verification out of the lands already assigned to the Panchayat Samities and complete distribution of such lands by the 31st May, 1989 at the latest .

Action taken in the matter should be reported to the Board.

A.K. Chakraborti.
Special Secretary, 20.4.89
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo No. 3922/1(23)-G.E.

Copy with a copy of the notification forwarded for information and necessary action to the –

- 1) Land and Land Reforms Department.
- 2) Commissioner,.....Division,.....

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Board of Revenue, West Bengal
Section – A(1), GE - Branch.

Memo. No. 8934(17)-GE
165/89

Dated, Calcutta, the 22nd May, 1989.

To
The District Land & Land Reforms Officer,

Subject : Land Reforms Advisory Committee at Block Level – appointment of Convenor thereof.

The undersigned is directed to state that in terms of Panchayat Department notification no.9701/1/Panch/2A-1/85 dated 13.4.85 the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer has been appointed as a member of the Bon-O-Bhumi Shanskar Sthayee Samiti of the Panchayat Samiti. Again in terms of Board's Memo. No.16050-GE dated 07.12.79, the "Unnayan Parikalpana-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samiti" (subsequently renamed as "Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samit") will act as the Land and Land Reforms Advisory Committee at Block Level as envisaged in sub-rule (3a) of rule 20A of the West Bengal Land Reforms Rules, 1965.

2. The Board has now been pleased to decide that the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer will act as the Convenor of the Land and Land Reforms Advisory Committee at Block Level.

3. All concerned may be informed accordingly.

A.K. Chakraborti
Special Secretary, 23.5.89
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

Memo. No. 8934/1(24)-GE

Copy forwarded for information to :-

1. The Panchayat Department
2. The Land & Land Reforms Department
3. The Commissioner,Division
4. The Director of Land Records & Surveys, West Bengal
5. The Collector
6. P.A. to Member, Board of Revenue
7. P.A. to Land Reforms Commissioner.

Calcutta,
The 22nd May, 1989.

A.K. Chakraborti
Special Secretary, 23.5.89
Board of Revenue, West Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Director of Land Records & Surveys
And Joint Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal
35, Gopal Nagar Road, Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027.

Memo. No.49/2653/C/2001

Dated, Alipore the 27.6.2001.

From :
S. Suresh Kumar, I.A.S.
Director of Land Records & Surveys
And Joint Land Reforms Commissioner,
West Bengal.

To
The District Land & Land Reforms Officer,
Coochbehar.

Subject : Custody of the Resolution Book of the Bon-O-Bhumi Sanskar Sthayee Samithy.

Ref. : Your Memo. No.93/CON/II-16/2000 dated 27.04.2001.

With reference to your above correspondence, it is clarified that the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer has been notified to function as the covenor and the member secretary of the abovementioned Standing Committee. As such the responsibility of implementing the decisions of the Sthayee Samithy is with the BL & LRO who heads an executive branch of the Government at the Panchayat Samity Level. Maintenance of registers etc. is a normal bureaucratic function and it shall be done by the BL&LRO. Extract copies of the resolutions shall however be furnished to all the members of the Sthayee Samithy without fail.

S. Suresh Kumar
Director of Land Records & Surveys
And Joint Land Reforms Commissioner
West Bengal

Memo. No.49/2654-70/C/2001.

Dated, Alipore the 27.6.2001.

Copy forwarded for information to The District Land & Land Reforms Officer
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S. Suresh Kumar
Director of Land Records & Surveys
And Joint Land Reforms Commissioner
West Bengal

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LAND & LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT,
SECTION -LR(AI), BRANCH-IS

Memo. No.1613-IS.

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor has been pleased to decide that the post of District Land & Land Reforms Officer, be redesignated as District Land and Land Reforms Officer & (Ex-Officio) Additional Executive Officer (Land Reforms), Zilla Parishad, with effect from the date of issue of this Notification.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Panchayat & R.D. Department vide U/o. No.12 dated 21.01.1999.

List of illustrative items of work to be carried on in collaboration with Panchayat is enclosed.

By order of the Governor

P. Bandyopadhyay,
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1613/1-IS.

Dated, the 12th March, 1999.

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P. Bandyopadhyay
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1613/2(4)-IS

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

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5) The District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Burdwan, P.O. & District. Burdwan.

Sd/- Illegible
Officer on Special Duty & Deputy
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L. & L.R. Department.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LAND & LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT,
SECTION -LR(AI), BRANCH-IS**

Memo. No.1614-IS.

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor has been pleased to decide that the post of Block Land & Land Reforms Officer, be redesignated as Block Land and Land Reforms Officer & (Ex-Officio) Panchayat Samity Land Reforms Officer with effect from the date of issue of this Notification.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Panchayat & R.D. Department vide U/o. No.12 dated 21.01.1999.

List of illustrative items of work to be carried on in collaboration with Panchayat is enclosed.

By order of the Governor

P. Bandyopadhyay,
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1614/1-IS.

Dated, the 12th March, 1999.

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P. Bandyopadhyay
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1614/2(55)-IS

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

Copy forwarded for information : -

5) The District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Burdwan, P.O. & District. Burdwan.

Sd/- Illegible
Officer on Special Duty & Deputy
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L. & L.R. Department.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LAND & LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT,
SECTION -LR(AI), BRANCH-IS**

Memo. No.1615-IS.

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor has been pleased to decide that the post of Revenue Inspector under the Integrated set-up, be redesignated as Revenue Inspector and (Ex-officio) Gram Panchayat Land Reforms Inspector, with effect from the date of issue of this Notification.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Panchayat & R.D. Department vide U/o. No.12 dated 21.01.1999.

List of illustrative items of work to be carried on in collaboration with Panchayat is enclosed.

By order of the Governor
P. Bandyopadhyay,
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1615/1-IS.

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P. Bandyopadhyay
Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L & L.R. Department.

Memo. No.1615/2(55)-IS

Dated, Cal, the 12th March, 1999.

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to: -

5) The District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Burdwan, P.O. & District. Burdwan.

Sd/- Illegible
Officer on Special Duty & Deputy
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
L. & L.R. Department.

At the District Level:

1. To implement the Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act.
2. To expedite land matter for industrialisation.
3. To take steps for settlement of sowing and harvesting disputes which could not be solved at the lower levels and referred to by them to the district level.
4. To supervise Distribution of vested lands and to regularly monitor the work.
5. To identify and initiate legal action against cases of illegal tree-felling.
6. To monitor short-term settlement of River-Fisheries, Ferries and Jalkars.
7. To help identification of benami lands and to monitor vesting.
8. To take steps for, increased collection of Royalties and Cess on Minor-Minerals.
9. To arrange campaigning and monitoring of Operation Barga work.
10. To identify the cases and initiate legal action against illegal filling up of Tanks and water areas.
11. To help solving inter-district border disputes.
12. To help utilization and maintenance of Khasmahal Land.
13. To monitor survey and distribution of Vested Char Lands.
14. To help protection of the interest of tribal raiyats.
15. To provide advice for relief U/s. 14T(6) of WBLR Act, for trusts, endowments and Institution.
16. Miscellaneous.

At the Block Level:

1. To help solution of harvesting and sowing disputes.
2. To help taking legal actions against illegal brick-field, stone or gravel quarries or laterite soil, Morrur quarries.
3. To expedite distribution of vested lands.
4. To expedite conduct of joint survey on different items.
5. To identify bargadars for recording.
6. To identify the eligible homestead beneficiaries under W.B. Acquisition of Homestead Lands (For Agri Labourer, Fisherman and Artisan) Act. 1975.
7. To help exemption of land revenue for eligible raiyats.
8. To help protection of tribal raiyats including tribal share-croppers.
9. To monitor joint survey of char lands which is vested in the State.
10. To help identification of big land owners and vesting of ceiling surplus land.
11. To identify cases and help initiate legal action against illegal filling up of tanks and water areas.
12. To identify cases and initiate legal action against illegal felling of trees.
13. To identify cases of encroachment of P.W.D., Irrigation and Vested lands and to inform the respective Department for necessary legal action.
14. To protect common easement rights.
15. To help preventing coming up of illegal brick fields.
16. To determine the custodian of illegally manufactured bricks, tiles or illegally extracted sand or stones.
17. Any other work as may be allotted from time to time by higher authorities.

At the Gram Panchayat Level:

1. To help providing exemption of land revenue to eligible raiyats including issue of Certificates.
2. To help identification of Big land owners.
3. To keep vigil that the patta lands are not transferred.
4. To identify cases where dispute may arise during sowing or harvesting.
5. To identify the cases and initiate legal action against illegal felling of tress.
6. To inspect and report any illegal filling up of tank, water areas.
7. To identify illegal brick fields, illegal quarries and illegal conversion of land and initiate legal action.
8. To help conduct different socio-economic survey and crop census.
9. Any such work as may be assigned by higher authorities from time to time.

