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LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT

From	To
Tmt. Jayashree Raghunandan, I.A.S.,	The Inspector General of
Principal Secretary /	Registration,
Commissioner of Land Reforms,	Santhome,
Chepauk,	Chennai.4
Chennai-5.	

Ref.No. F1/ 965/2012 (L.Ref), dated 2.2.2012

Sir,

Sub: The Tamil Nadu Land Reforms [Fixation of Ceiling on Land] Act, 1961 as amended – Lands assigned with certain conditions – Registration to be banned - Regarding.

You may be aware that surplus lands declared from the agricultural holdings of land owners under the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms [Fixation of Ceiling on Land] Act, 1961 as amended are being assigned to the landless agricultural labourers after observing the procedures laid down under the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms [Disposal of Surplus Land] Rules, 1965 as amended. The lands so assigned are subject to certain conditions. One among the conditions is that the assigned lands cannot be transferred by the assignees within a period of 20 years from the date of assignment. With effect from 12.11.1987 (earlier 15 years) Violating this condition, in certain cases, the assignees have chosen to sell the lands within the conditional period of 20 years [15 years as the case may be].

In such cases, the existing provisions of the Act enables the statutory functionary to resume the land to Government and to re-assign the land to some other eligible persons. At times, the innocent purchasers who paid substantial amount to the original assignee are very much affected and in order to retain the land so purchased by them, they resort to filing of appeal / revision before the various appellate / revisionary forums provided under the Rules. This ultimately cause much hardship to the implementing authorities and also considerable delay in finalizing these cases.

Under these circumstances, it is requested that purchase of assigned lands and the lands shown as 'surplus lands' in the village accounts under the Land Reforms Acts and Rules should not be considered for registration. If this is done, it would ultimately reduce many number of litigations under the Land Reforms Act.

I, therefore, request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to all the Registrars in the districts not to register transfer of all lands coming under the above category, until the period of restriction on transfer of assigned land is over.

I have also instructed the Joint Commissioners / Assistant Commissioners [Land Reforms] in the districts who are the designated officers under the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms [Fixation of Ceiling on Land] Act and the Rules framed thereunder to furnish the list of these assigned lands from the year 1991 to the respective Registrars.

I request early action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Jayashree Raghunandan
Principal Secretary /
Commissioner of Land Reforms

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