

LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT

From
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Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

To
All the District Collectors,
(except Chennai)

Ref.No. F1/8312/2015 (L.Ref.), dated 27.05.2016.

Sir,

Sub: Land Reforms – Updation of MRII, MRIII and MRIV
Registers – Instructions issued – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. G.O.Ms.No.34, Rev.Department, dated 14.01.2015.
 2. This Office letter No. A1/0001/2012 (L.Ref), dated: 08.05.2015.
 3. This Office Letter No.B1/3643/2015 (L.Ref) dated 9.9.2015.
 4. This Office Letter No.F1/8312/2015 (L.Ref) dated 12.5.2016.

I invite your kind attention to the references cited. Consequent on the disbandment of the offices of the Assistant Commissioners (L.Ref) as per G.O.1st cited, detailed instructions have been issued regarding handing over and taking over of MRI, MRII, MRIII and MRIV Registers and pending files, in this office letter 2nd cited.

2. Detailed instructions have also been issued in this office letter 3rd cited regarding dealing with the MRIV files taken over, the procedure to be followed for assignment of surplus lands as provided under TNLR (DSL) Rules 1965. During training given to Revenue Divisional Officers / Sub-Collectors, Additional Personal Assistant (Lands), Master Trainers of Districts, and review meetings with District Revenue Officers, the procedure for assignment of surplus lands and the importance of the maintenance of MRI, MRII, MRIII and MRIV Registers has also been emphasized.

3. The erstwhile Assistant Commissioners (L.Ref), were maintaining MRI, MRII, MRIII and MRIV Registers district wise and consequent on the disbandment, these Registers have been handed over to the concerned District Collectorate as per this office letter 2nd cited. In the letter 2nd cited, it has also been instructed that in respect of cases of Land Reforms where multiple Districts are involved, it may be kept in the existing District Collector's office and they can be drawn upon by the Districts and divisions as and when required and returned on use. Hence, it is hoped that the respective District Collectorates,

Sub-Collectors, Revenue Divisional Officer would have obtained their district's register or photo copied the pages which are required to their District / division from the Registers.

4. Regarding the maintenance and updation of MRI Registers, detailed instructions have been issued in this office letter 4th cited. Now, regarding updation and maintenance of MR II, MR III and MR IV Registers, the following instructions are issued:

4.1. MR II Register

This Register is maintained for making the entry of the details of the action taken on Cultivating Tenants Ceiling area. The A.O and Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, is empowered to take possession of the lands in excess of the cultivating tenants ceiling area as per section 62 (Chapter VIII) of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 as amended. He shall distribute the possession of the land i.e., the possession of which he has taken under section 62 to the landless persons or to persons holding land below the cultivating tenant's ceiling area. Hence, in respect of the maintenance of this register, the entry should be made in the Register as and when the case is arisen.

4.2. MR III Register

This Register is maintained for making the entry of the details of the action taken for the amount payable to the land owners from whom, the lands were declared as surplus under the Land Reforms Act, i.e. determination of amount, payable to the land owner, publication of Draft Assessment Roll, Publication of Final Assessment Roll, Amount paid to the Land Owner etc., In this regard, it is informed that the cases where the Notification under section 18(1) of the Act published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, the amount payable to the land owner is determined and paid to the land owner as per Act and Rules.

Hence it is requested that this Register should be updated with reference to the pending MR III files if any with Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officers after through verification and thus update the register.

4.3. MR IV Register

a) As per rule 3, the assigning authority shall maintain a Register for surplus lands in Form A. This Register is called 'MR IV Register' (i.e. Master Register IV). After declaring the lands as surplus vide notification under section 18(1) or order passed under section 20 or order passed under section 20A of the Act, the assigning authority shall enter all particulars of the surplus lands in the register. i.e.,

- (i) Details of MR IV No.,
- (ii) Name of the land owner.
- (iii) Date of Notification under section 18(1) or order passed under section 20 or order passed under section 20-A.
- (iv) Name of Village.
- (v) Survey No.
- (vi) Classification.
- (vii) Extent (in Acres),
- (viii) Date of issue of 'B' notice.
- (ix) Date of issue of 'D' notice.
- (x) Date of enquiry under rule 8(3).
- (xi) Date of assignment order under rule 8(4), and Extent assigned
- (xii) Date of issue of notice 'E'
- (xiii) Date of execution of 'F' Deed.
- (xiv) Date of handing over possession to the assignees.

b) Further, regarding all proceedings covered under MRIV cases have been clearly explained in the guidelines issued in this office letter 3rd cited.

c) If the MR IV Register is not fully updated, it should be updated with reference to the pending MRIV files or closed files and the further actions should be pursued by the Sub Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer from the last entry made in the MR IV Register.

d) With this exercise to be completed by 15.6.2015, the District will be able to arrive at all MRIV cases pendency in the District and the stage in which it is. This is to be reported to the Commissionerate by 15.6.2015.

e) All the above columns of the MR IV Register should be regularly updated with reference to the pending files. Further, the fresh MRIV cases should also be entered in the MRIV Register in due course.

f) The Districts are to cross check the Court case pending if any (including cases with Land Tribunal, Land Commissioner, High Court) with the MRIV Cases pending and make note of that in the MRIV Register and MRIV pending/closed file.

g) The stage wise progress of all the pending MRIV cases is to be obtained from the Authorised Officers concerned (Revenue Divisional Officer / Sub Collectors) for review by the District Collector in DRA meeting and details sent to the Commissionerate as per format monthly.

h) Further, it could be seen from the petitions received from the public by this Commissionerate that in most of the MRIV cases, the possession of the assigned land had not been handed over to the assignees after making Sub division and carrying out changes in the village and taluk accounts. Therefore in

such cases, action has to be pursued on the pending MRIV files for handing over possession to the assignees after making necessary enquiry and inspection at this distance of time and the action taken details should be entered in the MRIV register in the relevant column.

Hence, all the District Collectors are requested to ensure that the MR II, MR III & MR IV Registers are updated and maintained properly by the Sub Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers for their jurisdiction without fail and a report of having updated these Registers of your District sent by 15.6.2016.

Yours faithfully,
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Principal Secretary /
Commissioner of Land Reforms

/forwarded by order/

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Superintendent

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1. Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Land Reforms, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
2. All the Sub Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers
3. B, G & D Sections.
4. F1 Stock File.