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From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary/
Commissioner of land Reforms,
Chepauk, Chennai-5.

Sir,

Sub: LAND REFORMS - Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 as amended - Amendments issued to the section 3 and 5 of the Act to increase ceiling area for Industrial or Commercial undertaking from 15.000 standard acres to 30.000 standard acres-Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. From the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Land Reforms, Letter No.E1/8214/2018 (L.Ref), Dated 03.07.2018.
 2. Tamil Nadu Government Extra-ordinary Gazette No.249, dated 12.07.2018.
 3. Government Letter No.28232/LR.1(2)/2018-1, Revenue & D.M., dated 30.07.2018, 17.03.2020 and last reminder dated 01.10.2020.
 4. From the Director of Land Reforms, Letter No.E1/8214/2018 (L.Ref), Dated 28.05.2019.
 5. Tamil Nadu Government Extra-ordinary Gazette No.445, dated 28.10.2020.

I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited, wherein proposal has been received to issue notification to Rule amendment, consequent to the amendment issued to section 3 and 5 of Tamil Nadu land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Amendment Act, 1961.

2. The Government have examined the draft rule amendment in consultation with Industries Department. The Industries Department has observed, that the ceiling of land has been increased to 30 Standard acres, in case of dry lands, and if the Industrial / Commercial undertaking invests more than twenty crores. It will be cumbersome to get into the process of verifying the investment. Moreover the

exemption is given even if the Industrial Unit / Commercial Unit proposes to invest. Further, industrial organisation can avail this benefit and there is no need to go for any certification of the investment ab initio. However if any violation or non-compliance is found during enforcement, then necessary penal action can be taken as per the Act.

3. In order to ease of doing business and reducing the compliance burden for industries, it is imperative to simplify procedures and ensure compliance through exemption management as follows:-

Industrial or commercial undertaking shall be allowed to hold thirty standard acres subject to the following conditions:-

- i. the lands should be classified as dry land
- ii. They should invest at least 20 crores of rupees and utilise the land for industrial / commercial purpose, within a period of 3 years, from the date of acquisition of the 30 standard acres.
- iii. In case of progressive acquisition of land, the start date for the three (3) year period, would be date when the minimum threshold of 30 standard acres were acquired.
- iv. The Industrial / Commercial undertaking will send report to the District Collector giving the details of the land for information. It is a self declaration and for the purpose of information only and No separate approval is needed to hold the land.
- v. The enforcement authorities will be at liberty to verify the veracity of the details provided and whether the conditions are complied with at any point of time. If any false declaration and non-compliance of conditions is found the enforcement authorities / District Collector will be at liberty to proceed under the provisions of the Act.

Therefore, as far as the company is concerned, they have to send a self declaration to the District Collector, and they have 3 years to make the necessary investments. However they will be required to furnish necessary documents as and when called for by the authorities for scrutiny.

4. In view of this, it is considered that no more amendment to rule is necessary at this juncture. I am therefore request you to issue necessary instruction as above, to all the District Collectors/Authorised officers immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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