ABSTRACT

Committees – Encroachments in water bodies and other Government lands – Enumeration, Eviction and Monitoring - Formation of new Committees in Supersession of earlier Committees – Orders - Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Land Disposal Wing, 'LD.6(2)' Section

G.O.(Ms) No.64 **Dated: 08.02.2022**

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Read :

1. G.O.(Ms) No.105, Revenue Department, dated 07.03.2001.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.771, Revenue (LD6(2)) Department, dated 27.11.2006.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.540, Revenue (LD6(2)) Department, dated 04.12.2014.
4. G.O.(Ms) No.148, Revenue (LD6(2)) Department, dated 24.03.2016.
5. Government letter No.30252/LD6(2)/2021-4, dated 16.11.2021.

ORDER:-

The Government have constituted several committees from time to time at Taluk/ Divisional/ District/ State level to protect the Government lands from encroachments and in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble courts for monitoring the action taken for eviction of encroachments in Government lands with priority given to Water bodies as detailed below:-

i. A district level steering Committee chaired by the District Collector was constituted based on the recommendation of estimate Committee (1997-1998).

ii. A Secretariat level high level Committee chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Revenue and Law was constituted based on the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 06.06.2002 in W.P.Nos.15673 to 15686/2002.

iii. Three Redressal Committees i.e. Taluk Committee, Appellate Committee at Divisional level and Review Committee at District level were constituted in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 08.10.2014 in W.P.No.26722/2013.

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iv. In the light of the observations made by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.No.4614/2015 amendments were issued to G.O.(Ms) No.540, dated 04.12.2014 vide G.O.(Ms) No.148 dated 24.03.2016 accordingly the concerned officials of Water Resources Department, Public Works Department are included in the Redressal Committees.

v. In the light of the observations made by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.No.10666/2019 all the District Collectors were instructed vide Government letter No.30252/LD6(2)/2021-4, dated 16.11.2021 to formulate a local team with concerned Assistant Engineer/ Assistant Executive Engineer, Village Administrative Officer, Panchayat President, Local NGO, other interested villagers, SHG members as tank protection committee.

2. Since it is considered that a single point reporting/ monitoring system is necessary at each level for effective initiatives towards protection/ maintenance of Water bodies and other Government lands and Hon'ble courts also have given directions time to time insisting stringent action against encroachment especially in water bodies, in supersession of all the existing committees following three committees are constituted, each at divisional, District and State level for effective reporting/ monitoring of developments in identifying and eviction of encroachments in water bodies and other Government lands.

(i) DIVISIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEE

Chairperson/ Convenor: Revenue Divisional Officer

Members:

- Jurisdictional Deputy Superintendent of Police/ Assistant Commissioner of Police
- Municipal Commissioners
- All Tahsildars
- Sub-Divisional Officer/Water Resources Department
- Assistant Divisional Engineer, Highways of C &M wing of Highways
- Zonal Officer of Assistant Director Cadre from Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department
- Divisional Inspector of Survey
- Any other Special Invitees as decided from time to by the Chairman

The divisional level committee is entrusted with the works of identifying, enumerating and reporting of category wise objectionable and unobjectionable encroachments and monitoring the action taken against the encroachments at Taluk level. The Committee shall meet once in a month.

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(ii) DISTRICT MONITORING COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: District Collector

Members:

- Superintendent of Police
- Commissioner of Police (if applicable)
- Corporation Commissioner (if applicable)/ Municipal Commissioner of District Headquarter Municipality
- Executive Engineer/Water Resources Department of all relevant Divisions
- Divisional Engineer Highways of C & M wing of Highways
- Project Director/Joint Director of Rural Development Additional Director (Panchayat)
- Assistant Director, Town Panchayats
- Assistant Director, Survey & Land Records
- All Revenue Divisional Officers

Convenor – District Revenue Officer

- Any other Special Invitees as decided from time to by the Chairman

The District level Committee shall prepare a District level action plan on enumeration and eviction of encroachments in Government lands with priority given to water bodies and monitor the progress and report to the Commissioner of Land Administration. The Committee Shall meet monthly on the date of District Revenue Administration Meeting/ Law & Order Meeting.

(iii) STATE STEERING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Chief Secretary to Government

Members:

- Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department
- Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
- Secretary, Water Resources Department
- Secretary, Highways & Minor Ports Department
- Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
- Secretary, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department
- Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department
- Director General of Police
- Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
- Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation
- Director of Municipal Administration
- Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department
- Director General, Highways

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- Managing Director, TN Urban Habitat Development Board
- Director of Survey and Settlement

Convenor – Commissioner of Land Administration

- Any other Special invitees as decided from time to by the Chairperson.

The state level Committee shall monitor and review the overall progress in eviction of encroachments and compliance of Court orders in respect of encroachments in water bodies and other highly objectionable porambokes. The Committee will convene once in a month and the issues will be taken up for discussion along with the all Secretaries Meeting.

3. Detailed format for reporting of the above Committees will be issued separately by Revenue Department. In the meantime Taluk Tahsildar and other Field officers of concerned line Departments (like WRD, Highways etc) should initiate eviction process after identifying encroachments in objectionable Government lands with priority given to Water bodies. The relevant Acts and the processes prescribed under these Acts should be followed while evicting the encroachments.

(By order of the Governor)

Kumar Jayant
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Highways & Minor Ports Department Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
The Commissioner of Land Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
The Principal Secretary/ The Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
Director General of Police, Chennai-4.
Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-15.
Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3.
Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28.

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Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department, Chennai-5.
Director General, Highways, Chennai-25.
Managing Director, TN Urban Habitat Development Board, Chennai-5.
Director of Survey and Settlement, Chennai-5.
All District Collectors.
All Revenue Divisional Officers. (To be Served through concerned District Collector)

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