



Government of Puducherry
Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat

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NOTE

In view of the recurring complaints of land disputes reaching the Office of the Lt. Governor in Open house sessions, a briefing meeting with Senior Officers of Revenue, Law and Police Departments was held on 30th June, 2018 at Raj Nivas. The list of Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed as annexure.

2. The Officers brought to notice that Home Department vide G.O. No.38 dated 23/11/1998 and G.O. No. 60 dated 11/10/2004 constituted a Special Cell under the Chairmanship of Secretary to Government (Revenue) to enquire into the allegations/complaints from public regarding land grabbing or illegal occupation of lands and buildings etc.

3. It was also brought to notice that Department of Revenue and Disaster Management had constituted with the approval of Lt. Governor, Taluk/Sub-taluk level Advisory Committees vide G.O.Ms. No. 104 dated 16/11/2007 to effectively deal with disputes over title and/or possession of landed properties, so that law and order is maintained.

4. The Taluk/Sub-taluk level Advisory Committee is required to examine all the private land disputes by calling the parties for enquiry, examining the documents, government records etc. and measuring the disputed properties. The committee refer disputes over possession of property under Section 145 of Cr. PC to the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and District Magistrate (DM).

5. After elaborate discussion with the officers, the following actionable points emerged:-

- 1) As per the existing government orders, the Police Officers have very limited role in land disputes and hence Police Officers including SHOs should not call for documents and resort to negotiation or mediation over the disputes on possession/title etc of the properties.
- 2) Land disputes being civil in nature, SHOs shall refer the disputes to the concerned Advisory Committee, headed by Tahsildar/Deputy Tahsildar with representatives from Revenue and Survey Departments as members.

- 3) If required, to ensure peace, law and order, appropriate petitions be filed by SHOs before the Court of SDM under Section 107 or/and Section 145 of Cr.PC. to pass suitable orders.
 - 4) The Taluk level Advisory Committees must render their advise/decision to the petitioners and SHOs as early as possible in any case within six weeks.
 - 5) Copy of the decision of the Committee shall be sent to SDM/DM/Secretary (Revenue)/Secretary (Law), who shall hold periodic review meetings and intervene wherever required.
 - 6) The Special Cell under Secretary (Revenue) shall also hold regular monthly meetings and review the important and sensitive land dispute cases handled by Taluk Committees.
 - 7) To avoid parallel registration and consequential litigation, the Registering Authorities shall seek the advice of the Advisory Committees in case of complaints/disputes/doubts in the matter of registration of deeds.
 - 8) A help desk at Police headquarters will function to receive complaints from French Nationals on land disputes. The help desk shall forward such complaints to the special cell for a fair hearing of all parties concerned.
 - 9) A training programme will be organized by Revenue and Law Departments for the field level functionaries to ensure clarity and adherence to the existing orders.
 - 10) Inspector General of Police will monitor the progress of investigation of the criminal cases relating to Land grabbing/Land disputes and based on the inputs/complaints received take suitable action.
6. The departments shall issue suitable advice/directions to the concerned officers.



(Dr. KIRAN BEDI)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

1. 7. 2018.

To

The Officers Concerned.

- along with the Government Orders referred above.

ANNEXURE

List of Senior Officers/Officials attended the briefing meeting regarding disposal of land disputes on 30/06/2018 at Raj Nivas

Tvl/Mrs./Ms.

1. G. Theva Neethi Dhas, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Lt. Governor
2. Prashant Kumar Panda, IAS, Secretary to Government (Revenue)
3. J. Juliet Pusha, Secretary to Government (Law)
4. S.S. Yadav, Inspector General of Police
5. Apporva Gupta, Senior Supdt. Of Police (Law & Order)
6. Rachna Singh, Supdt. of Police (North)
7. K. Gunasegaran, Supdt. of Police (West)
8. V.T.A. Raheem, Supdt. of Police (South)
9. C. Dhakshinamoorthy, District Registrar
10. P. Muthu Meena, Special Officer, DRDM

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