

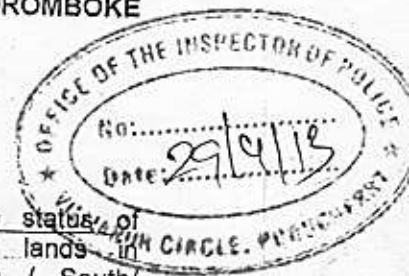
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

No. 9490/B2/Rev/2009

Puducherry, dated 24 APR 2013

MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING HELD ON 15-04-13 IN RESPECT OF
ENCROACHMENT OF RELIGIOUS STRUCTURES IN GOVERNMENT POROMBOKE
LANDS IN PUDUCHERRY

In Chair : Dr.S.B. Deepak Kumar, I.A.S.,
Special Secretary (Rev)-cum-District
Collector, Puducherry



A review meeting was conducted on 15-4-13 regarding the status of encroachments of religious structures in Government poromboke lands in Puducherry. Earlier, only the Sub Divisional Magistrates, i.e., North / South/ Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam were designated and responsible for monitoring any encroachment of GP land by construction of unauthorised religious structures. However, it was observed that many such encroachments are existing in Municipal, Commune and lands owned by the Public Works Department and continued blatantly. Now, the participants have been expanded to include all Commune Panchayats, Municipalities and the Public Works Department as well.

2. The Commissioners of Karaikal and the Commissioner of Yanam, acting on behalf of the Regional Administrator (on leave), participated from their respective Headquarters through video conferencing.

3. The following actionable points emerged during the meeting:

The District Collector insisted that all the concerned Departments should be vigilant and should not allow any encroachment on GP lands and lands belonging to all Departments especially Public Works Department and local bodies. In this regard, he reiterated that monthly reports should also be now be furnished by the Public Works Department, Commune Panchayats and Municipalities without fail as being furnished by the Sub Divisional Magistrates from Puducherry/Villinaur/ Yanam / Karaikal/Mahe.

4. The District Collector further inquired about the status of removal of religious structures on GP lands, roads and public places etc., which poses hindrance to traffic and general public at Karaikal and Yanam.

SSP (L & T) The Commissioners of Nedunkadu and Thirunallar Commune Panchayat, Karaikal were directed to ensure compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction in letter and spirit and to send the compliance report in the prescribed Certificate on a monthly basis.

6. The Commissioner of Yanam informed the District Collector that no fresh encroachment of religious nature has come up in Yanam.

7. The Deputy Collector (Rev) South informed the District Collector that fresh encroachment of religious structure has been noticed at R.S. No.188/4 of 79- Parikalpet Revenue Village in Bahour Taluk in February 2013. Since this land comes under the jurisdiction of the Bahour Panchayat, the Commissioner has been informed to remove the structure and the structure was removed on 07/03/2013.

8. The Deputy Collector (Rev) North has informed that 11 religious structures in Puducherry and 9 in Oulgaret Taluk have been constructed illegally and are causing obstruction to the public and to the free movement of traffic which comes under his jurisdiction.

9. The District Collector observed that many unauthorised structures of religious nature were being constructed on roadsides which come under the purview of the Public Works Department. The District Collector directed the Executive Engineer to conduct a survey of such unauthorised structures existing on roads, pathways causing

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hindrance to public and to remove them immediately. While removing such encroachments, the concerned Sub Divisional Magistrates may be informed beforehand and sufficient police force would be provided to avoid any law and order problem.

11. The Commissioner, Puducherry Municipality reported that many such encroachers have approached the Court for legal remedy and hence the Municipality could not take action to remove the encroachments. Besides, in certain cases, the promoters of layouts themselves have constructed such religious structures in reserved portions of their layout and the land stands registered in the name of these promoters. Hence, action could not be taken against them as they are private lands.

12. At this juncture, the District Collector reminded the participants about the general instructions Issued by him vide Memorandum No.5310/B2/Rev/2008 dated 19/03/2013 to ensure that temple lands are to be considered as public property as they are under the administrative control of HRI and hence any effort to alienate them through illegal means should be thwarted and brought to the notice of the Estate Officer concerned. Action may be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and Puducherry Municipalities Act, 1973/Commune Panchayat, Act 1973.

13. Finally, the District Collector summarised the meeting and directed that no new unauthorised religious construction should be allowed to crop in and immediate action should be taken to remove it then and there.

14. With the above, the meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.

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