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**PART I - NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(LANDS.I)

DISPOSAL OF LANKA LANDS BY ASSIGNMENT - AMENDMENT TO G.O.Ms.No.970
REVENUE (Q) DEPARTMENT, DATED: 25.08.1976.

[G.O.Ms.No.799, Revenue (Lands.I), 30th December, 2022.]

Read the following :

- 1.G.O.Ms.No.970 Revenue (Q) Department, dated 25.08.1976
- 2.G.O.Ms.No.485, Revenue (Q) Department, dated 30.04.1977
- 3.G.O.Ms.No.288, Revenue(Assn.I) Department, dated 01.06.2018.
- 4.From Spl. CS & CCLA's Lr.No.Assn.I(1)/ 1818017 /2022, Dated.07/11/2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government issued orders for the disposal of matters connected to lanka lands in the erstwhile Districts of East Godavari, west Godavari, Krishna and Guntur.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government issued orders modifying G.O.Ms.No.970, dated 25.08.1976 by stating that all existing eligible sivaighamadars should be accorded first priority while assigning Lanka Lands as per rules. And that, after accommodating all eligible sivaighamadars, 50% of the land must be assigned to SC/ST farmers, in the remaining the 50%, 2/3rd to the Backward class farmers and the remaining 1/3rd to other classes of land less poor.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government issued certain orders for Issue of DKT Pattas as per BSO-15 and assignment laws in existence in the State for the members and their legal heirs of CJFS.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Spl. CS & CCLA has informed that the District Collectors of Bapatla & West Godavari have requested to issue necessary guidelines for conversion of C-Category Lanka Lands to B-Category Lanka Lands so as to enable them to take necessary action in such matters. The CCLA has proposed certain norms and conditions as amendments to G.O.Ms.No.970 Revenue (Q) Department, dated 25.08.1976 with regard to issue of individual DKT pattas for the eligible members and legal heirs of the ceased Co-operative Societies and other eligible landless poor persons if any, in Lanka lands.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby issue the following norms and conditions as amendments to G.O.Ms.No.970 Revenue (Q) Department, dated 25.08.1976.

I) Whoever is in the peaceful possession and enjoyment of 'A' & 'B' category of Lanka lands, shall be issued D-Patta as per B.S.O.15, and priority shall be given to Sivalijamadars based on the enjoyment survey. After accommodating all eligible sivalijamadars, 50% of the land must be assigned to SC/ST farmers, and in the remaining the 50%, 2/3rd shall be assigned to the Backward class farmers and the remaining 1/3rd to other classes of land less poor. The District Collector shall be the Patta issuing authority in these cases, after approval of the Assignment Committee.

II) For 'C' Category of Lanka Lands, Lease shall be granted for up to 5 years by the Collectors.

Possession can be determined basing on the statements of surrounding farmers and such local enquiry under panchanama shall be sufficient. Utilization of fertilizers, seeds, pesticides may be considered. No claim shall be rejected without conducting local enquiry with neighbouring farmers.

III) Change of Lanka Land from one category to another category of Lanka Lands shall be carried out by the Collector after examining and considering the recommendations of the committee consisting of:

- A) Joint Collector
- B) Revenue Divisional Officer concerned
- C) River Conservator (Executive Engineer)

IV) It is noticed that Lanka Lands also have been previously made over to CJF Societies.

In all such cases, Consequent to winding up of the Societies, such Co-operative Societies lands would be available for issue of individual DKT Pattas as per BSO-15 and assignment laws in existence in the State to the members and legal heirs of Cooperative Societies, who are eligible for assignment for their livelihoods.

Other eligible landless poor persons would also be considered, in case sufficient members/their legal heirs are not available and/or additional vacant land is available.

V) Those lands, where pattas have previously been issued and /OR where names of farmers have been incorporated in the adangal, shall not be disturbed.

6. The Spl.CS & CCLA and the District Collectors concerned shall take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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Special Chief Secretary to Government (FAC).

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