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Sub: Sanction of conversion/diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose under section 95 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 - revision of orders passed by the sanctioning authority - instructions regarding.

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It has come to the notice of the Government that in a number of cases, the authorities competent to sanction conversion/diversion of agricultural lands into non-agricultural purposes, after once rejecting the applications based on the opinion of the Local Bodies like the Bangalore Development Authority, City Improvement Trust Board and the Planning Authority etc., are reopening such rejected cases on the so-called re-consideration applications of the applicants and sanctioning diversions/conversions subsequently. This is highly irregular besides illegal and calls for severe action against such sanctioning authorities.

It has to be pointed out here that the authority competent to sanction conversions/diversions can either grant or refuse such permission within 4 months from the date of receipt of the applications. When once a decision is taken by the Competent Authority and communicated to the parties it has no powers either to re-consider or to revise its own orders except endorsing the applicants to approach the Appellate Authority, as there is no provision either to revise/review its own orders.

Therefore, it is hereby instructed that all the Revenue Authorities who are empowered to sanction conversion/diversion should avoid such modus-operandi of re-considerations and revision of their own orders. The Divisional Commissioners are also requested to issue suitable instructions to the Deputy Commissioners/Special Deputy Commissioners under their control in this behalf and ensure that the sanctioning authorities comply with the above instructions scrupulously. They should also review such cases when they take up inspections of their subordinate offices. The Officers who pass wrong orders wilfully or otherwise will be held personally responsible for such lapses and disciplinary action will be initiated against such erring officers.

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To:

1. All the Divisional Commissioner's of the Divisions.
2. The Chairman, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore.
3. The Director, Town Planning, Bangalore.
4. All the Deputy Commissioner's/Special Deputy Commissioner's of the Districts.
5. All the Assistant Commissioner's of Sub-Divisions.
6. All the Tahsildar's of Taluks.
7. Weekly Gazette.
8. Revenue 'D', C2, H Sections.
9. S.G. File.

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