

Circular

Sub:- Land Reforms - Accounting of Applications received till 30-6-1979 - Regarding - Instructions issued.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Adviser, Land Reforms, after his tour in districts and cursory inspection of Tribunals that the Secretaries of the Tribunals have not taken any action to ensure that all the Section 48-A applications filed by tenants in Form-7 have been brought on to the village-wise Register. This was noticed in Mangalore, Davanagere and other Tribunals. The last date for filing applications by tenants was over on 30-6-1979 and the Government have not further extended the time for filing applications by the tenants. It is therefore of the utmost importance that all the applications filed by tenants or sent by registered post are not left unaccounted for due to any reason in the interest of the tenants.

2. Under the instructions in force, all the applications received have to be entered in the General Receipt Register of the office of the Tahsildar or Special Tahsildar. Such applications will have then to be entered in a village-wise Register of Applications. Since the coming into force of the Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Act on 1-3-1974, the applications were originally received by Tahsildars of the concerned taluks. Then the posts of Special Tahsildars for Land Reforms were created and Tribunals constituted. Thereafter the applications received by the Tahsildars of taluks should have been transferred to the Special Tahsildars who were also Secretaries of Tribunals. On a scrutiny of the village-wise Registers maintained in some Tribunal offices, it was noticed that there were cases of earlier applications being entered in the village-wise Register after the later applications were registered, which would show that at the time the new office of the Tribunal came into existence, steps were not taken to account for all the applications received by the original office and then bring them on to the village-wise Register. It was also noticed that original office did not take care to see that the details of applications transferred were maintained in a register with the acknowledgement of the receiving offices. This has also happened in taluks where more than one Tribunal were constituted subsequently.

3. Government therefore desire that the following steps should immediately be taken to ensure that all the applications received are accounted for.

4. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to instruct the Secretaries of the Tribunals to reconcile the applications received by the original office (of the Tahsildar or the Special Tahsildar, as the case may be) with the applications entered in the village-wise Registers now maintained by them. If any application is found to have not been transferred or accounted for in the village-wise Register, immediate action should be taken to have such applications traced and entered in the village-wise Register. If any applications are found missing, responsibility for its loss should be fixed and disciplinary action should be taken against all persons responsible. The Secretaries of the Tribunals should be asked to furnish a certificate of reconciliation with the result to the Deputy Commissioner concerned within a month and the Deputy Commissioner in turn is requested to furnish a certificate to the Government by 20th June to the Government that reconciliation by the Secretaries of all the Tribunals in the district has been done and action to rectify discrepancies has been taken. The receipt of this Circular may be acknowledged.

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- All the Divisional Commissioners with a covering letter.
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