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Sub:- Determination and disposal of surplus
lands by the Tahsildars.

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It is seen from the monthly progress reports received from the Tahsildars / Special Tahsildars that upto the end of April 1976, 43,900 acres of surplus land has been determined in the State, out of an estimated surplus of 4 lakh acres of land involved in declarations filed by the surplus holders. Further it is noticed that no distribution of lands has taken place so far in any District.

2. The Third amendment Act (Act No.44 of 1976) came into force with effect from 2.6.76 vide Gazette Notification dated 2.6.76. With this amendment, the work of determination of surplus land (which was vested with the Tahsildars / Special Tahsildars) has now been entrusted to the Tribunals, who shall determine the extent of the holding and the area by which such extent exceeds the ceiling area under section 67 of the Land Reforms Act.

3. Henceforth, the Tribunals should give first priority for distribution of lands already determined as surplus and second but equally high priority for determination of surplus lands by scrutinising the declarations filed by surplus holders. So far, the Tribunals were giving high priority to the disposal of the applications filed under Section 48-A of the Land Reforms Act and consequently the work of determination and distribution of surplus land has not progressed. Henceforth, the Tribunals should give revised and higher priorities to the disposal of declarations under ceiling provisions of the Act. This reorientation in the work of Tribunals henceforth will be in conformity with the National policy, which was evolved at the last conference of the Chief Ministers held in March 1976.

4. All the Deputy Commissioners and Special Deputy Commissioners are requested to have a close watch particularly over the work of determination and distribution of surplus land to landless persons, on priority basis, and see that this time-bound programme is implemented vigorously.

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