

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. RD 358 LRM 76

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore, dated: 17th Aug. 1976

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Plantation Crop - Cardamom Plantation-
exemption under Land Reforms Act -
Clarification

In Circular No. RD 469 LRM 75 dated the 9th October, 75, for the purpose of exemption from ceiling and other related provisions, it has been clarified that Plantation land means land used by a person principally for the cultivation of Plantation crops. It has also been indicated that land not actually cultivated with plantation crops does not qualify for exemption, even though in the Land Records it may be shown as Coffee Kharab, etc. Where only part of the holding is used for cultivation of Plantation crops, only such portions (and interspersed areas determined by the Divisional Commissioner) would qualify for exemption.

The question as to what constitutes the actual cultivation of a land with cardamom as a plantation crop has been examined in detail in consultation with the cardamom Board. Taking into consideration the normal planting pattern adopted and mortality due to disease, the cardamom plantation should have a minimum 600 numbers of cardamom plants of Malabar variety or 250 plants of hardier Mysore variety per acre.

In both the cases, for the land to be termed as a plantation land, planting would have to be according to regular spacing of 6' x 6' in Malabar variety and 8' x 8' or 9' x 9' in case of Mysore variety.

All the Divisional Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners/Special Deputy Commissioners/Asst. Commissioners/Special Asst. Commissioners are therefore requested to take into account the above mentioned requirements while considering the exemption under the Land Reforms Act, 1961 (as amended).

Cases which require special consideration may be referred to Cardamom Board for furnishing opinion after conducting spot inspection. Similar clarifications will shortly issue in respect of other plantation crops.

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All the Deputy Commissioners/Special Deputy Commissioners,
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All the Tahsildars/Special Tahsildars.

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