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It has come to the notice of Government that the occupancy price determined by the Tahsildars in some cases in certain Districts was as high as Rs.3,000/- per acre.

Under Section 47 of the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, the occupancy price is roughly 15 times the net income (rent under section 8) in respect of irrigated lands and 20 times the net income in the case of dry lands. The rent (under section 8) itself is 10 times the aggregate of land revenue and water rate, if any, payable on such land. Section 8 of the Land Reforms Act, however, lays down that in respect of A, B and C Class lands (other than lands specified in item (ii) of 'C' class land), the water rate to be taken into account, shall not exceed Rs.16-50 per acre in respect of 'A' class lands, Rs.11/- per acre in respect of 'B' class lands and Rs.5-50/- per acre in respect of 'C' class lands. The maximum occupancy price in respect of lands other than those having structures, wells or trees constructed or planted by the landlord will be about Rs.2,700/- per acre in respect of 'A' class lands and about Rs.1,800/- in respect of 'B' class lands.

In view of the above, attention of the Tahsildars/Special Tahsildars, Assistant Commissioners and Special Assistant Commissioners is invited to the ceiling limits placed on water rates by the proviso to section 8 and also to the maxima that are applicable to the occupancy price in respect of lands not having wells, structures or trees while determining the occupancy price under Land Reforms Act, 1961 (as amended).

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