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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No.RD 481 LRW 79

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore, dated: 22-2-1979

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Free Legal Aid and advice to poor tenants.

- Ref:- 1. Circular No.RD 399 LRM 76 dated 12-7-1976.
2. Circular No.RD 90 LRW 77 dated 14-4-1977.
3. Govt.Order No.LAW 29 LAD 78 dated 19-9-1978.
4. Circular No.RD 90 LRW 77 dated 18-1-1979.

In the Circular referred to at Sl.No.2, the Government has intimated the creation of a Land Reforms Cell in the Law Department with the object of providing free legal aid and advice to poor tenants whose annual income does not exceed Rs.5,000/-, to enable them to file writs in the High Court or to defend them in the Writs filed by the Landlords in the High Court against the decision of the Land Tribunals.

2. All poor tenants in need of such legal aid and advice may approach the Special Officer of the Land Reforms Cell whose address is as follows:

Shri M.N.Doddamani, B.A., (Hons) LL.B.,
Special Officer & Ex-officio
Deputy Law Secretary, Land Reforms Cell,
Directorate of Technical Education Building,
Palace Road, Bangalore-560 001.

While writing to him, applicants should send an application in the prescribed form (a specimen of the form is enclosed), as well as relevant records such as certified copy of the Land Tribunal Order, Income certificate from the concerned Tahsildar and other documents on which the applicant wishes to rely.

3. Under the Government Order at Sl.No.3 above, the Special Officer Shri M.N.Doddamani has been taking up monthly tours at the rate of one District per month, for giving free legal aid and advice at their door-steps of the poor tenants. Wide publicity is being given to his tour programme well in advance. Applicants seeking legal aid or advice can approach the Special Officer at his camps also.

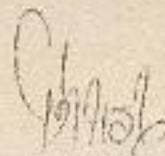
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Full success of the objective of the Cell and of the monthly tours by the Special Officer depends upon the effectiveness of the wide publicity given to his tours. To acquaint the affected tenants residing in remote villages of the services available to them from the Land Reforms Cell, it is essential that the tours should be publicised through the media of Newspapers and handbills as well as by word of mouth. Such publicity is possible only with the help of the Revenue Officers. The Deputy Commissioners have already been asked to accord all help as per Government Circular at Sl.No.4. The importance of giving publicity by TCM TCM has been

emphasised in the Circular and this must be noted. It is also necessary to ensure that the persons who do the TQM TQM should clearly mention that the tenants intending to approach the Special Officer for aid and advice, should take with them all necessary records and documents referred to in para-2 above.

5. Apart from giving wide publicity, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Tahsildars dealing with Land Reforms should also be on the look out for cases of hardship caused to poor tenants and whenever they come across affected parties, direct them to approach the Special Officer mentioned above.

6. Further, as mentioned in para-2, intending applicants have to fill up the prescribed form. The form may be obtained either from the Office of the Special Officer in Bangalore or from his tour camps. As an additional convenience to the poor tenants, the Revenue Officers may, if necessary get the forms printed or cyclostyled and keep them in their Offices and make them available to the applicants.

7. Lastly, the Tribunals and the Revenue Officers should make available to the Special Officer the files containing records and documents whenever he calls for them. This would enable the Special Officer to prepare the Writ Petition or the rejoinder on the spot with the help of the Government Advocate accompanying him on tour.


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REVENUE COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY TO
GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To
All Deputy Commissioners.
All Assistant Commissioners and Spl. Assistant Commissioners and
Addl. Spl. Assistant Commissioners for Land Reforms.
All Tahsildars, Spl. Tahsildars and Addl. Spl. Tahsildars for
Land Reforms.

Copy to:-
All Divisional Commissioners.
The Special Officer and Ex-officio Deputy Secretary,
Land Reforms Cell, Directorate of Technical
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