

Annexure VIII A (7), (Vide Article - 8.02)

Forest Lands leased on eksali basis
Permanent grant of ---

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Revenue and Forests Department.
Resolution No. P.L.D.1069/43178-Y.
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32(BH), 22nd March 1969.

- HEAD:-
- (i) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No.P.L.D-4865/25765-E, dated 3rd September 1960,
 - (ii) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No.P.L.D-4863/17494-Y, dated 21st July 1964,
 - (iii) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No.P.L.D 4867/70039-Y, dated 8th July 1967 and 31st January 1968,
 - (iv) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No. P.L.D 4267-I-Y, dated 22nd May 1967,
 - (v) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No. LND.1067-A, dated 21st May 1968,
 - (vi) Government Resolution, Revenue and Forests Department No.LND.1068/201750-A, dated 14th January 1969.

RESOLUTION:- The question regarding the permanent release of Forest lands given on eksali basis was under consideration of Government. After a full examination of this matter Government is now pleased to issue the following instructions :-

- (i) all forest lands given on eksali basis should now be released permanently for cultivation to the respective eksali lease-holders;
- (ii) such of these lands as are on the border of forests should be deforested and transferred to Revenue Department for release to respective eksali lease-holders;
- (iii) such of these lands as are in the midst of the forest should also be deforested and released to the respective lease holders. ~~However~~ the control over the lands should remain with the Forests Department. For this purpose the forest officers should be empowered to exercise the powers of revenue officers on the lines of the orders issued in respect of forest villages and settlements vide Government Resolution No.P.L.D-4267/I/Y, dated 22nd May 1967;
- (iv) in all cases the lands should be given to the existing eksali holders on impartible and inalienable tenure as occupants Class II;
- (v) the permanent grant of land to the eksali lessees should be so made that the private land held by the lessee as owner or tenant or both and the leased Government land to be granted to him would not together exceed one economic holding;
- (vi) in order to avoid a recurrence of the problem, no forest lands should hereafter be leased on eksali basis;
- (vii) the residents of Forest villages and inforest settlements will continue to be governed by the orders in Government Resolution No. P.L.D.4267-I-Y, dated 22nd May 1967.

2. The extent of Forest lands which will be liable to be released in the various districts will be communicated shortly and only that much area should be permanently released in each district.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

M.K. SHAKUR,
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forests Department.

GCP. POTA/R.&F.D.-H-1537(2,000+6-4-69)

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Poona,
All Commissioners of Divisions,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona,
All Conservators of Forests,
All Divisional Forests Officers and Sub-Divisional Forests Officers
in charge of independent Sub-Divisions,
All Collectors,
The Revenue and Forests Department 'A' Branch,
The Revenue and Forests Department 'Y' Branch (select file),
Personal Assistant to Minister (Forests),
Personal Assistant to Deputy Minister (Forests).

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