

*Annexure VIII A (8), (Vide Article - 8.02)*

*Dalhi Lands:*  
Leased for cultivation-  
permanent grant of-

Government of Maharashtra,  
Revenue and Forests Department,  
Resolution No. FLD. 4268/27223-4,  
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32,  
Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January 1970.

**Resolution :-** In Kolaba District Dalhi lands were given out to Adiwasis for cultivation. The issue of granting Dalhi land plots permanently to Adiwasis was under consideration for some time past. The total extent of Dalhi lands in Kolaba Division and Bohna Sub-Division is 29,438 Acres 5 Gunthas and 12 As. (11913-1 Hectares) spread over 497 number of plots. After a full examination of this matter Government is now pleased to issue the following instructions :-

- a) All Dalhi forest lands given on ekooli basis should now be released permanently for cultivation to the respective plot holders
- ii) The right to the land should vest with the actual tenants and not to the Headman (Naik) who executes the agreement at present for the Co-cultivator.
- iii) The lands under cultivation should be surveyed and such plots as are unproductive or unfit for permanent cultivation should be resumed by the Forest Department and equivalent alternative land suitable for cultivation should be released to the respective plot holders.
- iv) Such of these lands as are on the border of forests should be disforested and transferred to Revenue Department for release to respective plot holders.
- v) Such of these lands as are in the midst of the forest should also be disforested and released to the respective plot holders. However the control over the lands should remain with the forest department. For this purpose the forest officers should be empowered to

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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. 4967/I/Y, dated 22nd May 1967;

vi) In all cases such lands should be given to the existing plot holders on impartible and inalienable tenure as occupants +Class II;

vii) The permanent grant of land to the <sup>plot holders</sup> ~~the Government~~ should be so made that the private land held by the plot holders as owner or tenant or both and the ~~Government~~ Government land to be granted to him would not together exceed one economic holding ;

viii) In order to avoid a recurrence of the problem, no Dalhi forest lands should hereafter be leased.

By order and in the name of the Governor of  
Maharashtra,  
*V. S. Aulkarni*  
(V. S. AULKARNI)

Under Secretary to Government of Maharashtra,  
Revenue and Forests Department.

To:

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Poona  
The Commissioner Bombay Divisions, Bombay  
The Conservator of Forests, Thana Circle, Thana  
The Collector of Kolaba-413003  
The Revenue and Forests Department 'A' Branch  
The Revenue and Forests Department 'W' Branch  
The Divisional Forests Officer, Kolaba-413003  
The Sub-Divisional Forests Officer, Echa-Sub-Division,  
Rohn, District Kolaba  
Personal Assistant to Minister (Forests)  
Personal Assistant to Deputy Minister (Forests)