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Maharashtra Agricultural Lands Ceiling
on Holdings Manual. ²⁰
Publication of -

Government of Maharashtra.
Revenue Department.
Resolution No. ICH.2362/49405-M(Spl).
Sachivalaya, Bombay, 8 June 1962.

RESOLUTION.

With the coming into force of the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceiling on Holdings) Act, 1961 in the State from 26th January 1962 the crowning phase of the land reforms policy of this Government has commenced. The Act seeks to impose a ceiling on the holding of agricultural land in the State and provides for the distribution of the surplus land to landless persons, agricultural labourers, small holders, etc. according to a well considered order of priority. The Act when fully implemented would bring about social justice in the agricultural sector and release productive forces in the shape of newly created peasant proprietors. The practical realisation of these objectives will obviously depend on the effectiveness with which the Revenue Officers, who will be mainly responsible for the implementation of the Act, implement the provisions of the Act. In order to assist these officers in the correct interpretation of the various provisions of the Act and in effectively implementing it and the Rules framed thereunder, a Manual, which is called "the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands Ceiling on Holdings Manual" has been prepared which contains detailed instructions regarding the manner in which the Act should be implemented in its various aspects. Government desires that every Revenue Officer, down to the level of Mahalkari and Naib-Tahsildar, who would be concerned with the implementation of the Act in one form or other, should be in possession of a copy of the Manual for his use in discharging the duties under the Act. Government is, therefore, pleased to direct that the Manual should be printed as an official publication for official use

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2. Chapters II and IV of the Manual contain instructions regarding the manner in which information about the holdings of surplus land holders is to be collected from the Registers of Holdings, which have already been compiled for the implementation of the Tenancy Act, and the Record of Rights etc. Since this work is mainly to be done at the village level by the Talathis and Patwaris, it is necessary to translate these two Chapters into Marathi and supply them to the Talathis, Patwaris, Circle Inspectors, Circle Officers and Revenue Inspectors as a self contained set of instructions. Government is, therefore, pleased to direct that this set of instructions in Marathi should also be printed as an Official publication for official use only.

3. Under the Manual as also the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceiling on Holdings) Rules, 1962 a number of forms of notices and orders have been prescribed which the Collectors or the Authorised Officers will be required to issue in accordance with the instructions contained in the Manual. Forms of Extract Sheets, Tables, Panchanamas, Award and Allotment Statements etc. which would be necessary for the determination of surplus land and the compensation payable therefor have been prescribed. The ledgers in which account of recovery of occupancy prices from grantees of surplus land and Registers which will give day to day progress of the various enquiries under the Act have also been prescribed. During the course of implementation of the Act these forms will be required in quite large numbers. Further the public notices which have to be published at the village level and some of the individual notices will have to be in Marathi to enable the Villagers to readily understand them. Government, is, therefore, pleased to direct that the forms prescribed under the Manual and the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceiling on Holdings) Rules, 1962 should be printed for being supplied to the Officers concerned in accordance with the instructions which will be issued by the Revenue Department in due course.

4. The Examiner of Books and Publications is requested to

immediately arrange for translating Chapters II and IV of the Manual into Marathi and forward the translations to the Revenue Department. He should also arrange for translating into Marathi such of the forms prescribed under the Manual and the Rules as may be intimated by the Revenue Department in due course.

5. Since the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands (Ceiling on Holding) Act, 1961 has already come into force and the six months period provided in section 12 of the said Act for submission of returns by surplus land holders will expire on 25th July 1962, Government desires that the work of compilation of information about the holding of surplus land holders as per instructions contained in Chapter IV of the Manual should be completed at the latest by 1st September 1962 and that verification of the returns and further action for holding enquiries under the Act for determination of surplus land should commence immediately thereafter. It is therefore, essential that the copies of the Manual should reach the Collectors and the copies of Chapters II and IV in Marathi should reach the Mamlatdars and Tahasildars for distribution to Talathis etc. by 15th June 1962. On receipt of the Manual the Collectors should estimate the requirements of Forms I to IV prescribed under the Manual and Forms IV to VII prescribed under the Rules, for his district and report them to Government within a week from the receipt of the Manual without fail so that the forms can be printed and sent to them in first week of July 1962. The Director of Government, Printing and Stationery is, therefore, requested to arrange to print all these on a top priority basis and to see that the printed copies are delivered by the scheduled dates. He should also arrange to print the remaining forms and supply them to the various officers in accordance with the distribution list that will be supplied by the Revenue Department in due course.

requirements of the copies of the Manual and Chapters II and IV in Marathi to Government within a fortnight from the receipt of this resolution.

7. Detailed instructions for printing of the forms along with the manuscripts thereof will be issued to the Press authorities separately.

8. The cost of printing should be debited to the head "x. 19, General Administration" for the purpose of pro-forma accounts.

9. The orders, issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department.

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

(W. G. RANADIVE),

Assistant Secretary to Government.

G.R.,R.D.,No. ICH.2362/49405-M(Spl),dated the 8 June 1962.

To

The Commissioners of Divisions,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
The Director of Agriculture,
All Collectors,
The Director of Government Printing and Stationery (with a copy of the Maharashtra Agricultural Lands Ceiling on Holdings Manual),
The Examiner of Books and Publications, (with a copy of Instructions regarding compilation of data regarding surplus land holders),
The Manager, Government Central Press, Bombay,
The Accountant General,
The Resident Audit Officer,
The Finance Department,
The Industries and Labour Department.

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