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Date } 2022.08.18

Circular No. : 11/2022

To all Land Registrars,

Preparation of Notarial deeds for Government lands.

This is related to the circular letters No. Cir. 03/2010 of the Registrar General dated 14.06.2010 and Circular No. RG/NB/1/ dated 2020.11.05 Circular and No. RG/NB/01/19 dated 04.05.2022 regarding the registration of government land. The said circulars and letters are hereby repealed and I hereby inform that the orders mentioned in this circular should be effective from 01.09.2022.

02. Recently, I have been informed by various government agencies that there is a tendency to prepare and register fake Notarial deeds for government lands and because of this, many serious problems have to be faced. The attention of the Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee has also been drawn to the registration of fake documents for government lands. It has become a timely as well as a national need for this department to take maximum measures to prevent further occurrence of such illegal acts. Therefore, please pay special attention to the following points while registering the documents.

(a) Having measures for registration only after being satisfied that the land or lands mentioned in the deed received by you for registration are not government lands.

(b) If the matters mentioned in this circular are applicable in relation to the said land, making an inquiry about this from the Divisional Secretary of the concerned area along with a copy of the said deed.

(c) If the Divisional Secretary informs that it is a government land, then refuse to register the document, and if it is informed that it is not a government land, having steps to register it.

d) If the land in the documents received by you for registration borders a government land, a beach, Ramsar wetlands, Nature Reserve forests, irrigation or lake reserves, canals or a government-declared buffer zone, in all those cases, obtaining observations from the Divisional Secretary about the said land, taking action to register such documents only based on the observations given by the Divisional Secretary and refusing to register the relevant document if the Divisional Secretary recommends that the land belongs to the Government.

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3. It is reported to me that some Divisional Secretaries do not give answers to inquiries made by Land Registrars in this regard, and take a long time to give answers in certain instances. There are also cases where some Divisional Secretaries state that they are not able to give answers about whether the land in question belongs to the government. Until a reply is received from the Divisional Secretary, the relevant documents will be kept without registration and due to that reason, the registration of the documents will also be delayed. To minimize this situation, please follow the instructions below.

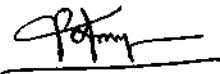
I Inform the Divisional Secretary at the earliest that if no reply is received within 03 months, the concerned document will be registered without further notice.

II. If the Divisional Secretary does not send an answer within 03 months as to whether the land in question is a government owned land, to have measures to register the said document.

III. If the Divisional Secretary informs that some time is needed to give the answers, then give the necessary time for the same.

Please pay special attention to the above matters and inform your staff and failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action.

04. If a Notary continues to write and certify documents for government land, the Notary section of the head office should also be informed about him.



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Copies : 01. Additional Registrar General - For your attention please

02. All District Secretaries - For your attention please.

03. Chief Internal Auditor - For your attention please.

04. All Four Regions All Deputy/Assistant Registrar Generals - For your attention
and to take necessary actions please.

05. Assistant Registrar Generals in charge of all districts - For your attention please.

06. All staff officers of the head office - For your attention please.