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From: The L.R.C. & Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To : The District Land & Land Reforms Officers (All)

Sub: Correction of R-O-R in respect of plots of land classified as hat, bazars recorded in private khatian.

It is a matter of grave concern that some plots bearing classifications as Hat/Bazar in R.S. record of rights have erroneously been recorded in private raiyati khatians despite the fact that the rights of intermediaries in hats, bazars were vested in the State free from all encumbrances under the conjoint operation of Sections 4 and 5 [more specifically 5(1)(a)(ii)] of the West Bengal Estates Acquisition Act, 1953 with effect from 15.04.1955/ 14.04.1956. Moreover, the intermediaries, as provided under Section 6 of the WBEA Act, were not allowed to retain possession over such land classified as hats, bazaars.

What is all the more astonishing is that some of the plots classified as hats/ bazar in R.S. R-O-R, which were vested in the State by operation of law since 1955, are still recorded with intermediary status in R.S. R-O-R and subsequently LR record has been framed by incorporating those plots in the private raiyati khatians in gross violation of the statutory provisions either due to ignorance or due to utter negligence causing huge impairment to the interest of the State.

Against the backdrop of the above facts, he/she is requested to trace such erroneous recording by delving deep into the matter and to take immediate measures to rectify the concerned L.R record of rights by restoring those plots bearing recorded classifications as Hat/Bazar and erroneously featuring still in rayati khatians, in favour of the Collector on behalf of the State of West Bengal by invoking the provisions of Section 51A(4) suo motu of WBLR Act, 1955.

Considering the gravity of the situation he is requested to assign utmost importance and exigency to the task and send an action taken report to this Department within a period of one month without fail.



L.R.C. & Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal