



ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Recommendation of the Committee headed by Dr.T.V.Somanathan, IAS., for streamlining of Land Acquisition - Executive Instructions - Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 128

Dated: 10.12.2021

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No. 23, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SI) Department, dated 19.03.2018.
2. G.O. (Ms) No.350, Revenue and Disaster Management [LA.1(1)] Department, dated 14.07.2020.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, the Committee headed by Dr.T.V.Somanathan, IAS., has submitted 43 recommendations to Government, out of which six recommendations are related to Highways Department.

2. In the Government Order second read above, orders have been issued approving the recommendations of the Committee headed by Dr.T.V.Somanathan, IAS., for streamlining of Land Acquisition and Land Alienation procedures & directing the concerned Department in the Government to issue formal orders, Amendments, circulars etc.

3. Among the recommendations of Dr.T.V.Somanathan Committee, the following two recommendations relating to Highways Department, timelines have to be fixed for the Land Acquisition activities under Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001.

Sl. No. of the Recommendations and Specific recommendations	Decision taken by the Committee
(1)	(2)
(i) 17/43 and 12/19	i) Proceedings at District level- Delay is noticed in determination of Compensation Amount- Accepted- State Acts shall be amended fixing a period of 120 days. ii) Notice under section 15(1) of Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001 to be published within one year from the date of publication of preliminary notice under section 15(2) of Highways Act.
(ii)18/43 and 13/19	Proceedings at District level- Award not being passed even after one year- Accepted- State Acts shall be amended.

4. It was observed that the Committee recommendation covers the Land Acquisition activities from 15(2) Notification to passing of award. However, there are delays in other Land Acquisition activities also. It would be more useful if timelines are given comprehensively for different activities from the date of Administrative Sanction to transfer of land. Further, the timelines for some activities can be reduced from what has been recommended by the Committee. Accordingly, it was decided to fix-up a timeline for all activities starting from the date of issue of Administrative Sanction for Land Acquisition till transfer of possession of Land.

5. The Government, after careful examination, issue executive instructions fixing the time-lines for different Land Acquisition activities under Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001 as below:-

Sl. No.	Land Acquisition activities of Highways Department	Timeline Fixed
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Administrative Sanction to verification of Land Plan Schedule.	4 Months
2.	Verification of Land Plan Schedule to 15(2) notification.	3 Months
3.	15(2) notification to publication of 15(1) notification.	12 Months
4.	15(1) notification to determination of valuation.	4 Months
5.	Valuation of Land to passing of award.	4 Months
6.	Post award activities like payment of award, transfer of land and updating land records.	3 Months
	Total	30 Months

(By Order of the Governor)

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Chepauk, Chennai -5.
All the Heads of Department under the control of
Highways and Minor Ports Department.
All District Collectors,
All District Revenue Officers.

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