



Land Grant

Land Grant and Related Matters

Grant of government lands to private organizations or individuals for various purposes is being made under the Karnataka Land Grant Rules, 1969. It has been found that there are shortcomings in these rules for various reasons. The said rules have been amended from time to time.

Regularization of Unauthorized Occupation of Lands

Due to population pressure, many people have encroached on government lands on a large scale, which has come to the notice of the government. Earlier, on two occasions, the government had regularized such encroachments, and for this purpose, for the third time, the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 was amended in 1991. According to this amendment, landless persons, small or poor farmers were allowed to regularize up to a maximum of 5.00 acres, including the land presently under their possession, under the amendment to Section 94(A) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

Under Section 94(A), the last date fixed for accepting applications in Form 50 seeking regularization was 19.09.1991. By this date, 10.90 lakh applications covering an extent of 26.03 lakh acres had been received. As of 31.12.2009, the details of the disposed applications are as follows:

| Sl. No | Details | Number of Cases (in lakh) | Extent Acres (in lakh) |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Number of applications received | 10.90 | 26.03 |
| 2 | Number of cases disposed | 10.64 | 24.71 |
| 3 | Pending applications | 0.26 | 1.32 |
| 4 | Regularized | 3.69 | 6.34 |
| 5 | Rejected | 6.95 | 18.37 |

Under Section 94(A), the last date fixed for accepting applications in Form 50 seeking regularization was 19.09.1991. By this date, 10.90 lakh applications covering an extent of 26.03 lakh acres had been received. As of 31.12.2009, the details of the disposed applications are as follows:

| Sl. No | Details | Number of Cases (in lakh) | Extent Acres (in lakh) |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Number of applications received | 10.94 | 26.06 |
| 2 | Number of cases disposed | 6.92 | 15.64 |
| 3 | Pending applications | 4.02 | 10.42 |
| 4 | Regularized | 1.52 | 2.52 |
| 5 | Rejected | 5.40 | 13.12 |

Subsequently, Section 94(A) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act was amended, and a new Section 94(B) was inserted, thereby providing an opportunity to those who had not applied for regularization before 19.09.1991 to submit applications. Through this section, lands covered under special rights under Section 79(2) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 were also allowed to be regularized.

Under the amended Section 94(B), the last date for receiving applications in Form 53 for regularization of unauthorized occupations was extended up to 30.04.1999. By then, 14.94 lakh applications covering an extent of 26.06 lakh acres had been received for regularization. As of 31.12.2009, the details of disposal of these applications are as follows:

| Sl. No | Details | Number of Cases (in lakh) | Extent Acres (in lakh) |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Number of applications received | 10.94 | 26.06 |
| 2 | Number of cases disposed | 6.92 | 15.64 |
| 3 | Pending applications | 4.02 | 10.42 |
| 4 | Regularized | 1.52 | 2.52 |
| 5 | Rejected | 5.40 | 13.12 |

To dispose of the applications received in Forms 50 and 53, the government had to constitute a committee for regularization of unauthorized occupations in every taluk. Since the period provided under Section 94(B) of the Land Revenue Act for disposal of applications filed in Forms 50 and 53 expired on 26.04.2008, this period was extended through an amendment to Section 94(B) on 15.09.2009. Accordingly, Bagair Hukum Regularization Committees are being constituted.

Regarding Establishment of Karnataka Public Lands Corporation

In order to protect government lands in all districts of the state including Bangalore Urban District to develop them where necessary to dispose them competitively to collect and For issuing necessary directions regarding survey, eviction of encroachments, and protection of government lands in Bangalore Urban District and later throughout the state, and for supervision and control over protection of government lands, the Government Land Protection Task Force was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri V. Balasubramanian, IAS (Retd.), through Government Order No. RD 556 LGB 2009, dated 19.09.2009.

Regarding Regularization of Agricultural Land Used Illegally for Residential Purpose

Under Section 95(2) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, if agricultural land had been used for residential purposes before 31.12.2008 without obtaining prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner, in order to regularize such use, amendments were made to Section 95 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, inserting Sections 2A, 2AA, and 2AAA.

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