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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No:REV-G3/70/2020-REV
Revenue (G)Department
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated:22/12/2020

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Sub: Revenue Department - Pending cases before the Honourable Kerala Administrative Tribunal for want of Statement of Facts from Revenue Department - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref: Note dated 14.02.2020 from the Special Liaison Officer, O/o the Chief Minister

As per the reference shown above, the Special Liaison Officer has reported that as on 31.12.2019, Statements of Facts for more than 98 cases pending before the Honourable Kerala Administrative Tribunal at Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam are to be received from the Revenue Department which hampers the efforts to effectively defend the cases. This also leads to the passing of adverse observations and comments by the Honourable Kerala Administrative Tribunal.

The Rule 31 of the Kerala Administrative Tribunal Rules of Practice, 2011 stipulates that where all or any of the respondents fail to file reply statement in the form and in the manner provided under Rule 11 of the Procedure Rules within the time granted, the case shall be deemed to be ready for final hearing and thereby the Respondent/ Government Department concerned loses opportunity to adduce and produce its evidence for ever, causing to lose the cases against the interest of the Government.

The Audit Party from the office of the Accountant General that inspected files and records of Revenue department during the recently concluded departmental audit also noted the huge pendency of cases before various courts including Kerala Administrative Tribunal for want of Statements of Facts/ Affidavits etc. from the Revenue Department and advised to file them immediately so as to avoid adverse remarks from the courts and also for safeguarding the best interests of the Government.

Hence all are instructed to take immediate steps to file Statement of Facts/ Affidavits etc. in all the cases pending before the Honourable Kerala Administrative Tribunal and other courts where Revenue department is a


Respondent in a time-bound manner so as to enable the Government Pleaders to defend the cases effectively thus by safe guarding the interest of the Government. Any laxity from anybody in the matter will be viewed seriously.

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY**

To:

- The Commissioner, Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Survey & Land Records, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Secretary, Land Board, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Institute of Land & Disaster Management, Thiruvananthapuram
- All District Collectors
- All Officers and Sections in Revenue Department
- PA to Honourable Minister for Revenue
- PA to Principal Secretary, Revenue
- Special Liaison Officer, O/o the Chief Minister
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Section Officer.