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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

Circular No. 8047/2020-B5(Pts.)
Date 03-03-2021

OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT COLLECTOR(Pt.Wing)
NALGONDA

CIRCULAR

Sub:- **PANCHAYATS** – Gram Panchayats – District Nalgonda – Issued Ownership Certificates for Grama Kantam lands in certain Gram Panchayats – Orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court for Judicature at Hyderabad in W.P. No. 19861 of 202, dated 11-11-2020 – Instructions issued – Regarding.

Ref:- The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad, Memo No. D3/GPAP/LA/18/2021, dated 20-02-2021.

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In the reference cited, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad duly enclosing a copy of the Government Memo No. 7/73/MPP&ZPP-Admn/A1/2020, dated 08-12-2020 of PR&RD (MPP&ZPP Admn.) Department has informed the District Collector(Pt.Wing) and the District Panchayat Officer, Nalgonda that, the Hon'ble High Court, Hyderabad has issued order dated 11-11-2020 in W.P. No. 19861/2020 as follows :

"It is brought to the notice of this Court by the learned Standing Counsel that the practice of giving ownership certificates by the Panchayat Secretaries is prevalent in the State and there are instances where even for Grama Kantam lands, such certificates are being issued based on which, respective parties are claiming title and ownership over the properties.

There are number of instances which have comes before this Court where some or the other Officers of the Revenue Department of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, claiming themselves to be the State authorities issued such certificates based on which civil litigation is being created both against the State as well as against the individuals.

It shall be borne in mind that entries in the Panchayat records, municipal records and the corporation records are only for the limited purpose of collection of taxes and the entries in the municipal records do not by itself, confer any absolute title or ownership rights.

Further requested to take necessary action on the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, Hyderabad in W.P. No. 19861 of 2020, dated 11-11-2020 as per rules in force in the matter.

Therefore, as per orders of the Hon'ble High Court for Judicature at Hyderabad in W.P. No. 19861 of 2020, dated 11-11-2020 and instructions of the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad, all Mandal Parishad Development Officers / Mandal Panchayat Officers in the district are directed to issue instructions to all Panchayat Secretaries under their control **"not to issue Ownership Certificates for all properties in the Gram Panchayat as per Gram Panchayat records"** from immediate effect.

All Divisional Panchayat Officers in the District shall monitor the said issue and issue instructions from time to time and report compliance.

Any negligence in the matter will be viewed seriously and necessary action will be initiated against the concerned as per TSCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

Sd/- **PRASHANT J. PATIL, I.A.S.,**
DISTRICT COLLECTOR(Pt.Wing)
NALGONDA

To

All Mandal Parishad Development Officers in the district.

All Mandal Panchayat Officers in the district.

All Panchayat Secretaries, Gram Panchayats in the district. (Through the MPO concerned)

Copy to all Sarpanchas & Upa-Sarpanchas, Gram Panchayats in the district.

(Through the MPO concerned)

Copy to all Tahasildars in the district.

Copy to all Sub-Registrars in the district.

Copy to all Divisional Panchayat Officers in the district.

Copy to all Revenue Divisional Officers in the district.

Copy to the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP., Nalgonda for kind information.

Copy submitted to the Additional Collector(LB), Nalgonda for kind information.

Copy to S.F./2021-B5(Pts.)

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DISTRICT PANCHAYAT OFFICER(FAC)
NALGONDA

