

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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**Subject : Resumption of Old Grant Properties in Cantonments
Areas /Military Stations**

Army Headquarters have been projecting their requirement for resumption of properties held on resumable tenure/old grant for undertaking Married Accommodation Project. A term of officers comprising MOD, DGDE and Army Headquarters were specifically deputed to look into the issues relating to resumption of old bungalows in Jalandhar, Ferozpur and Ambala. From the report, it is seen that the Army Headquarters representatives have highlighted the deficiency of land vis-à-vis their total requirement of land determined by KLP to the Committee. Since the KLP was prepared long back it may be essential to go through the details so as to establish that the same is considered to be still valid.

2. It has been brought to the notice that in each of these Cantonments presently vacant lands/camping ground in the closer vicinity are available. While it is correct that legally Government has a right for resumption of old grant bungalows for defence use, it is inevitable that considering the large scale resumption of old grant properties, it will take considerable time for completing the process of resumption. Therefore, it is imperative on the part of the Army authorities that all possible options including utilization of vacant land available at the station are taken into consideration while planning Married Accommodation Project. The military farm land is specifically being mentioned in different places where Married Accommodation Project can be undertaken.

3. It is held that so long as the location of these vacant land is within 2-3 kms of the location of the Army Estt. It should be the endeavor to use the same for Married Accommodation Project, as it is even after resumption of old bungalows in the respective cantonments, adequate land may not be available at one place to meet the entire MAP requirement and Army authorities may have to choose more than one location for MAP.

4. Therefore, after thoroughly examining the entire issue relating to resumption and the problems of HORS and the availability of vacant lands/camping grounds at various, places, it has been decided that an exercise needs to be done, in a time bound manner, in each cantonment where Married Accommodation Project is to be taken up to take a holistic look including determining the requirement of KLPs in the concerned cantonments before preparing the cases for resumption of properties. If in this exercise, any specific old grant bungalow is falling in between the identified land then such a bungalow can be considered for resumption, if necessary, by providing alternative land to the owner.

5. Army Headquarters may please issue necessary instructions to all their lower formations to strictly adhere to the guidelines mentioned above under intimation to this Ministry.

6. This has the approval of RM

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