DIRECTORATE GENERAL DEFENCE ESTATE (Coord Section)

Sub: Restrictionson Ceding possession of Defence Lands

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. 110151/1/2011/D (lands) dated 2nd June 2011 on the subject mentioned above for your information and necessary action, please.

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No. 11015/1/2011/D(Lands) Government of India Ministry of Defence

New Delhi, the 2nd June, 2011.

Chief of Army Staff Chief of Naval Staff Chief of Air Staff New Delhi

Subject: Restrictions on Ceding possession of Defence Land

Instances have come to the notice of Government where possession of land long held with Defence, has been ceded by Local Authorities on the ground that land did not belong to Defence.

- Ministry of Defence has examined the issue in consultation with DGDE and Service Hgrs. With the approval of Competent Authority, the following instructions are issued for strict compliance:-
- if land is recorded in State Revenue Record as Defence Land and is in possession of Army, Navy, Air Force, DRDO or any other agency/office under Ministry of Defence for long, but not entered in Military Land Register (MLR), then MLR should be corrected by Defence Estates Officer by making suitable entry.
- If land has been under occupation for long, but not recorded as such in the State Records or MLR, all steps will be taken by DGDE to bring that land on record. Possession of such land shall not be ceded until and unless a court so directs and its decision has become final. Approval of Ministry of Defence shall be taken before handing over the possession.
- These instructions shall be applicable for hired and requisitioned lands also except in the State of J&K.

However, these instructions shall not be applicable for those lands which are temporarily being hired for training/operational purposes.

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