

Ministry of Defence

SuB: Release of flats/houses hired by Indian Navy at Mumbai-Policy directives.

During World War-II, a number of flats/houses had been hired in Mumbai, Presently, 147 nos. of such hired flats/houses are occupied/held by Navy in Mumbai. After carefully considering the requirements of Navy and the process of de-hiring's, so far, in the wake of continous representation from the flat owners, it has been decided, with the approval of the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, to release/dehire these hired flats/houses in the following manner:-

- (i) 31 flats shall be de-hired immediately.
- (ii) 05 un-inhabitable flats, lying vacant to also be de-hired immediately.
- (iii) De-hiring of 24 flats by 31st Mar 05 by which time an equivalent number of flats should become available at Sassoon Dock.
- (iv) De-hiring of 50 flats, on completion of phase-I of Project Seabird at Karwar latest by 31st Mar 06.
- (v) The balance 37 flats to be de-hired on completion of Phase-I of the Married Accommodation Project (MAP).
- (vi) The principle of first hired, first de-hired i.e. de-hiring of flats on seniority basis must be scrupulously followed (Except un-inhabitable vacant flats)
- (vii) Short term extension of accommodation in Mumbai in respect of Naval Officers shall be streamlined by formulating suitable internal measures like no extension of accommodation be allowed for a time period exceeding 3 month and no last posting retirement from Mumbai be considered.

2. Integrated HQrs of MoD (Navy) is accordingly directed to ensure impletemention of the above RM's approved policy directives and furnish the compliance report on monthly basis, of the progress made in the above process of de-hiring.

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