

No.11015/2/2012/D(Lands)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Defence
D (Lands)

Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 16.02.2026

To

1. The Chief of Army Staff
2. The Chief of Air Staff
3. The Chief of Naval Staff
4. The Director General of Defence Estates
5. The Director General Quality Assurance
6. DRDO, New Delhi

Subject: Procedure for transfer of defence land for public utilities and public infrastructure –reg

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to refer to M/o Defence's letter no. 11015/2/2012/D(Lands) dated 03.03.2022 on the aforementioned subject matter and to state that in partial modification of the ibid letter, the following timelines and instructions are prescribed for Equal Value Infrastructure (EVI) works.

(a) Service HQrs. while furnishing comments on working permission proposals, shall also provide deficiency statements along with EVI details, rough cost estimates, within **four and a half months** from the date of receipt of application on NOC Portal.

(b) Finalisation of Board of Proceedings and execution of MoU by all parties shall be completed within **one month** from the date of issuance of working permission.

(c) The Indenting Authority (IA) shall either deposit the land value or EVI cost whichever is less, with the designated executing agency, or in an escrow account as the case may be, or if the IA is executing the work itself, earmark the funds for the project within **two months** from signing of the MoU. Balance amount shall be deposited in Consolidated Fund of India (CFI).

(d) Land shall be handed over to the IA for commencement of work within **one week** thereafter.

(e) In case the EVI construction is not commenced within a period of **six months** from the date of handing over of defence land, DGDE shall submit a report in this regard along with reasons to the Ministry for consideration as under: -

- i. If the delay is attributable to LMA, proposal shall be considered for the conversion of mode to cash compensation after consulting Service HQrs.

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ii. If the delay is attributable to IA, penal interest @1% per month on land cost will be charged, to be deposited in CFI. However, wherever such delay leads to increase in land rates, revised financial sanction shall be obtained from the Ministry.

iii. If the delay is on account of any requirement of statutory approvals or third party requirements, LMA shall intervene for expeditious resolution of such cases. Any undue delay may be reported to the Ministry for suitable intervention.

(f) It is clarified that working permission granted by MoD on EVI basis should not be construed as project sanction, for which the Service HQrs shall follow the prescribed procedure as per extant rules/ guidelines.

(g) Specific structure/ building details of the sanctioned EVIs will be shared by the Service HQrs/ Service Organizations with DGDE for adding/ inserting the same in the quarterly report on EVI.

(h) This issues with the concurrence of M/o Defence (Finance) vide their Diary no.6261 on RF No.21(10)/2001/Fin/Works-1/Pt.file dated 16.01.2026.

Yours faithfully



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