

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

Kartavya Bhawan II New Delhi
Dated 11.08.2026

To

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

Sub: Procedure for transfer of defence land for public utilities and public infrastructure cases other than EVI basis.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to MoD letter No.11015/2/2012/D(Lands) dated 16.02.2026 prescribing timelines for processing proposals for grant of working permission on EVI basis:

2. I am directed to refer to MoD 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 processing of working permission cases where the mode of grant of working permission is other than EVI basis:

- (i) Service Hqrs and DGDE shall submit their comments, within **three (03) months** from the date of receipt of application on NOC Portal.
- (ii) Finalization of Board of Proceedings and execution of MoU by all parties shall be completed within **one (01) month** from the date of issuance of working permission.
- (iii) The Indenting Authority (IA) shall deposit the cost of land/lease rent/ license fee/ refundable security deposit/premium as the case may be with the designated agency as per terms and conditions of the working permission within **two (02) months** from signing of the MoU.
- (iv) Wherever the mode of transfer of Defence land is on EVL basis, a Board of Officers (BoO) shall be convened within one **(01) month** from the date of signing of the MoU for identification and finalization of suitable EVL and the Board Proceedings shall be finalized within **six (06) months**.

- (v) The defence land shall be handed over within **one (01) week** from the date of depositing the cost of land/ lease rent/ licence fee/refundable security deposit / premium as the case may be with the designated agency by the Indenting Agency or convening of BoO for identification and finalization of suitable EVL.

3. It has been observed that, in several cases, the Indenting Authorities do not furnish replies to the clarifications/observations sought by MoD/Services/ DGDE within a reasonable time frame, resulting in delays in the processing of proposals for grant of working permission. Accordingly, it has been decided that where an Indenting Authority fails to respond to the observations/clarifications raised by MoD/ Services/DGDE within **thirty (30) days** of their communication, the application shall be treated as closed. This timeline shall also be applicable to cases where proposals for grant of working permission are processed on an Equal Value Infrastructure (EVI) basis. MoD letter dated 16.02.2026 stands amended to this extent, while all other provisions of the said letter shall remain unchanged.

4 This issues with the concurrence of M/o Defence (Finance) vide their Diary no. 538697 dated 15.07.2026 on R.F.No.2(1)/2026/Fin (W-I) dated 16.07.2026.

Yours faithfully



(Vikram Verma)

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