

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Finance Department

Audit Branch

No. 10184-F(A-II)

Dated, the 13th December, 2012

NOTIFICATION

Sub.: Administrative and financial approval for the projects on land involving inter-departmental transfer.

The procedure of inter-departmental transfer of Govt. land from one Department of the State Govt. to another is governed by Rule 469 of the West Bengal Land & Land Reforms Manual, 1991. The extract of the Rule is given as under:

"469 (i) Proposals for transfer of Government land from one department of the State Government to another should be submitted through Divisional Commissioner to Government in the department to which transfer is proposed along with objects and condition of the proposed transfer, particulars of the area, market value and estimated yearly rental.

(ii) If the administrative department approves the proposal, it will first consult the department from which land is proposed to be transferred. The proposals with the concurrence of the department owning the land will be sent to the Land & Land Reforms Department. The Land & Land Reforms Department will return the case to the administrative department with the memorandum sanctioning the transfer of the land and stating conditions of transfer, if any. The administrative department will then send a copy of the said memorandum to the officers concerned accompanied by such orders as may be necessary.,,

2. It has been observed that, in some cases, even after concurrence has been given by the Govt. department owning the land to relinquish the said land in favour of the other State Govt. department, the completion of all formalities as provided in Rule 469 of the WBL&LR Manual, 1991, takes some time. As per the existing practice, administrative and financial approval of the projects on such land is not given pending approval of the L&LR Department as provided in the referred Rule. As such, there is avoidable delay in starting such projects resulting in cost and time overrun.

3. After careful consideration, the Governor is pleased to decide that development projects on Govt. land proposed for transfer from one department to another will be accorded administrative and financial approval by the appropriate authority provided the Collector of the District has recommended the proposal after making inquiries regarding the area, ownership, availability, character, nature of the land and whether the land is free from encroachment and litigation and administrative department of the State Govt. owning the land has given its concurrence for relinquishing such land in favour of the requiring department. The administrative department to which the land is proposed to be transferred shall not start the execution of the project unless all the formalities as provided in Rule 469 of the WBL&LR Manual, 1991 have not been fully complied with. It may, however, complete all other works like completion of tender formalities, selection of executing agencies, etc.

4. The order will take immediate effect.

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