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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Sub:- Guidelines for settlement of Haats/Ghats/Fisheries/ Pounds etc.

As the haats/ghats/fisheries/ pounds etc. are the important assets of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) which serve as the sources of generating own revenue for the PRIs, it is essential to make the assets more operational to keep pace with the changing times. The following measures have been recommended by the Hon'ble Cabinet to be followed and implemented by the respective PRIs:

1. The settlement value of any assets should not exceed 10% of the average settled value of the last 3(three) years of these haats/ ghats/ fisheries/ pounds etc.
2. The assets having settlement value less than Rs.5 Lacs will be settled at the level of Gaon Panchayat; the assets having settlement value from Rs.5 Lacs upto Rs.10 Lacs will be settled at the level of Anchalik Panchayat and the assets having settlement value above Rs.10 Lacs will be settled at the level of Zilla Parishad.
3. For the assets settled at Gaon Panchayat, the lessee shall be from the concerned Gaon Panchayat localities.
4. No settlement of haats/ghats/fisheries/ pounds etc. will be awarded to a lessee who is involved in any kind of heinous crimes, extortion etc.
5. Each lessee shall furnish a police verification report from the local police station stating his antecedents while submitting the bids for settlement of haats/ghats/ fisheries/ pounds etc.
6. The lessee with whom the assets are settled will pay full settlement amount at the time of signing of the agreement.
7. In case of failure in settlement of any assets the concerned Gaon Panchayat , Anchalik Panchayat or the Zilla Parishad will manage such assets as decided by the next higher

body, i.e. Anchalik Panchayat in case of Gaon Panchayat, Zilla Parishad in case of Anchalik Panchayat and Government in case of Zilla Parishad.

8. Dispute regarding settlement of assets at Anchalik Panchayat & Gaon Panchayat level will be resolved at Zilla Parishad level in place of Government.
9. Tax will be levied annually/biannually from the regular vendors, traders, hawkers only.
10. No tax shall be collected from the villagers who come to sell the petty household produces like dairy products, vegetables and agricultural products, like betel nuts and betel-vines (tamol-paan).
11. The Panchayati Raj Institutions shall settle the markets where the amenities such as toilets, drinking water, market shed are created by the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/Zilla Parishad. In case of non availability of such amenities, the concerned Gaon Panchayat, Anchalik Panchayat and Zilla Parishad shall ensure creation of such amenities before settlement of the markets.
12. The Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad concerned will provide amenities like toilets, drinking water etc. for the markets/ghats settled by them and the lessee will be responsible for cleanliness as well as solid waste management of the markets.
13. The markets which are running in the open field or road side area where there are no facilities provided by the Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/Zilla Parishad will not be settled. However, big haats such as cattle market, furniture market and similar such markets which may have value more than Rs.10 Lacs will not fall under this condition.
14. The Gaon Panchayat/Anchalik Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad concerned shall make proper arrangements of erecting signboards at the prominent places of the markets/ ghats etc. wherein rates fixed for the items will be displayed in local languages.
15. Where the assets fall under more than one Gaon Panchayat, it will be settled by the concerned Anchalik Panchayat.
16. The Ghats falling under two districts, the settlement will be done alternatively by either district.

The above guidelines are in addition to the guidelines mentioned in the Model NIT for settlement of the haats/ghats/fisheries/ pounds etc. These will come into force with immediate effect.

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2. The District Commissioners.....(all).
3. The Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishad.....(all).
4. The Block Development Officers(all).
5. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat and Rural Development etc. Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
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9. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Industry & Commerce etc., Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
10. The Sr. Standing Counsel, P&RD Department, Guwahati-1.
11. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, P&RD Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Additional Chief Secretary.
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