

Regional Review Meeting on NLRMP – RFD

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Speech to be delivered by Hon. Minister for Revenue

Secretary, Department of Land Resources; Government of India

Senior Officers from the Department of Land Resources;

Secretaries and officials from all the Southern States;

Secretaries and officials from Government of Tamil Nadu.

I welcome you all to this Regional Review Meeting on National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP) – Result Framework document RFD.

First of all I wish to extend my whole-hearted thanks to our beloved Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA for permitting me to inaugurate this Regional Review meeting on National Land Records Modernization Programme (NLRMP).

Tamil Nadu, as you all know, is marching towards glory in all fields under the unmatched and dynamic leadership of our Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA.

The primary objective of this Government is to make Tamil Nadu as the Numero Uno State in the country in all departments and to achieve this our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA had announced the TAMILNADU VISION 2023. Keeping this in mind, an Action Plan has been drawn to computerise various types of land records and to bring them online to facilitate easy access to the land owners.

Due to time constraint, I have arranged to provide the hardcopy of my speech to all of you. I request you kindly to go through the same and give your valuable feedback on the suggestions of our Government.

However, I would like to say a few words about how well Tamil Nadu has excelled in Land Survey and how far it has come forward in Modernisation of Land Records.

As you all know, Tamil Nadu is the pioneer State in the country in the field of land survey. In Tamil Nadu, the first systematic survey of land and settlement operations were done during the reign of Raja Raja Chola I - Arul Mozhi Thevan of Thanjavur in 985-1011 A.D. Tamil Nadu possesses accurate land records for every bit of land, which were prepared many years ago during the British era, using mathematically proven survey methodologies. Therefore, the primary

responsibility of this Department is to convert those records into digital format and to establish proven methods for maintaining them. Hence, the main objective is to perform mutation and updation of land records and Sub-divisioning of land parcels in quick-time, by transparent means.

Under the able guidance and innovative leadership of our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA, we are pursuing the following schemes in the current financial year (2013-14)

- **Our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA has ordered for the construction of "Office cum Residential Quarters" for 100 Firka Surveyors in order to have easy accessibility of Surveyors to public;**
- **Our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA has ordered for construction of additional building in "Survey House" – the headquarters of Survey and Settlement Department in Chennai, to facilitate preservation of precious old land records;**
- **Our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA has ordered for issue of Laptops to 300 Firka Surveyors on pilot basis, to facilitate easy access to Computerised Field Measurement Sketches and to land records that are online;**

- **Our Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA has ordered for issue of Sim Cards to all Firka Surveyors with 'Closed User Group' facility to facilitate easy communication relating to Patta transfer works;**
- **Intensive Drive for splitting up "Joint holdings" to "Single holdings" – to help Land Reform initiatives.**
- **Computer with internet connectivity along with a printer in all the Taluk Offices, District Collectorates, etc to provide facilities for viewing as well as printing of land ownership details to public.**

I assure that under the leadership of our **Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA**, Tamil Nadu will forge ahead in the implementation of National Land Records Modernisation Programme in the country

With these observations, I conclude my speech, once again thanking our **Honourable Chief Minister, Puratchi Thalaivi AMMA** and all of you for this opportunity to inaugurate this Regional Review Meeting and also for your fruitful participation.

I hope that the deliberations of this meeting will be of much more helpful to our State in particular and the country in general in the feild of Land Survey Modernisation. With best wishes to all of you.

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