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D.O. No. PWR-1082/9069/L2  
Revenue & Forests Department  
Mantralaya, Bombay-400032.  
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Subject: -Non-agricultural assessment.

Additional Tahsildars for ..

Delegation of powers of recovery to---

Dear Shri

Please refer to your D.O. No. LND-DESK.IX.I.788/82, dated 24th September 1982 on the subject mentioned above.

2. You have proposed that the Additional Tahsildars (N.A.) may be delegated powers to effect recovery by coercive measures. You have also proposed that the present norms of disposal of cases by the Additional Tahsildars may be reduced from 150 cases to 100 cases per month to enable them to pursue the recovery by coercive measures.

3. I have carefully gone through your proposal and I feel that the delegation of powers of recovery to Additional Tahsildars will have following adverse effects -

- 1) disposal of <sup>detected</sup> cases will fall down; and
- ii) The regular Tahsildar who has the revenue machinery under his control and who is over all in charge of recovery of all Government dues will be divested from his primary responsibility.

4. Originally 61 units were created for detection drive of unauthorised N.A. cases. ~~Now only 35 units are functioning~~ and rest of the units have been disbanded having regard to the pendency of the cases in the districts. The existing units will be continued till the pending work is completed. It is therefore necessary to obtain maximum possible disposal from the existing units so as to complete the work expeditiously. It would not therefore be advisable to saddle them with the burden of recovery and to reduce the prescribed norm of disposal.

5. As regards delegation of powers, the Tahsildar, as a head of the taluka, is incharge of recovery of all types of Government dues. If the powers of recovery are delegated to the Additional Tahsildars (N.A.), regular Tahsildar may not pay adequate attention on the ground that since the Additional Tahsildar has been empowered to recover the non agricultural assessment by coercive measures, he need not attend to it. However if the Tahsildar and Additional

Tahsildar N.A. work hand in hand it will have a great impact on the recovery drive. & therefore, propose that the following steps may be taken:-

- i) The Additional Tahsildar(N.A.) should attend the monthly Talathi meeting and regular Tahsildar and Additional Tahsildar(N.A.) should verify in each meeting that all the orders issued by the N.A. Tahsildar have been given effect to in TFI and VFI.
- ii) The Additional Tahsildar should also ensure that the recovery statements in the orders passed by him have been taken into account in the registers of recovery of Tahsil office as well as by the Talathis.
- iii) The Tahsildar should pursue recovery process through Talathis and see that satisfactory recoveries are effected every month.
- iv) The Sub Divisional Officer should also attend the Talathi meeting ones in a quarter in each Taluka and see whether the instructions given above are scrupulously followed and issue guidance if necessary to the subordinate officers.

With regards,

Yours

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