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To,
Chief Secretaries / Administrators of all States / Union Territories

Subject: Survey / re-survey under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) [Policy circular no. 1 of 2016]

Sir,

1. I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to say that essentially the following activities are currently being carried out under the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP):
   (i) computerisation of record of rights
   (ii) digitization of cadastral maps
   (iii) integration of record of rights (textual) and cadastral maps (spatial)
   (iv) survey / re-survey
   (v) modern record rooms
   (vi) data centres at tehsil, sub-division and district level
   (vii) state data centre
   (viii) connectivity between revenue offices
   (ix) computerisation of registration
   (x) connectivity between sub-registrar offices and tehsils and
   (xi) integration of registration and land records

2. In respect of the component of survey / re-survey (para 1 (iv)) it is felt appropriate to ordinarily carry out record or survey operations from DILRMP funds only when the record of rights or field book or map are not available or are destroyed / damaged / outdated etc. and not to unnecessarily conduct surveys / re-surveys when the land records are available as per the normal.
3. It may be noted that the primary objective is to computerize the record of rights and digitize the cadastral maps as they exist in physical form (and to further integrate the two on the land information management system).

4. An institutionalized mechanism is also required to be put in place for the concurrent and continuous updation of computerization / digitization, so that it mirrors the physical reality at every point of time.

5. It goes without saying that as and when the record or survey operations are conducted in the normal course by the State Governments / UT Administrations, the computerization / digitization would also be accordingly updated.

6. It may further be noted that that exact one-to-one co-relation between the area recorded in the record of rights and the map is not very feasible and albeit not very necessary either; it is the settled principle that if the area differs, the area recorded in the record of rights prevails (and map- correction is duly undertaken if and as required).

7. Having regard to the above, it has been decided to ordinarily carry out record or survey / re-survey operations from DILRMP funds only in places where the record of rights or field book or map are not available or have been destroyed / damaged / outdated etc. and not to have unnecessary surveys / re-surveys.

8. For all future district project proposals under DILRMP, para 7 above will be applicable.

   Where funds have earlier been sanctioned for survey / re-survey and the work has duly been initiated and is in progress, the same may be duly completed.

   Where funds have earlier been sanctioned for survey / re-survey but the work has not been initiated, para 7 above will be applicable.

9. This has the approval of Competent Authority.

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