



O/o the Director General(H),  
Guindy, Chennai-25

**Memo No.400/ General/ 2014 Dated 9.07.2016**

Sub: Highways - Establishment - Hon'ble Minister's Announcement  
Regional Land Acquisition Units - Engaging Staff through  
outsourcing - Reg.

Ref: GO (Ms) No.85, Highways and Minor Ports (HR1)  
Department dated 30.05.2016

Copy of the reference cited and related GO is enclosed herewith. The Government have accorded sanction for creating an exclusive land acquisition unit to facilitate the land acquisition process pertaining to the infrastructure works dealt by Highways department. The Land Acquisition cell consists of DRO unit at DG(H) office headed by a DRO and regional land acquisition units at 8 regular circles (C&M) each headed by a Tahsildar. Staff for the regional units are required to be outsourced as per GO cited.

In this regard, the Superintending Engineers are requested to form the land acquisition units at regional level within their jurisdiction duly following the provisions of Government Order cited in the reference.

Encl: as above

*[Signature]* 9/7/16  
For Director General,  
Highways, Chennai-25

To

All the Superintending Engineers/ Special Chief Engineers,  
Construction and Maintenance Wing

Copy to

1. The Chief Engineer, Construction and Maintenance, Highways for issuing suitable instructions to the Superintending Engineers and for further follow up.
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**Abstract**

Highways – Budget Announcement 2014-2015 – Formation of separate land acquisition cell to facilitate the land acquisition process through outsourcing – orders - Issued.

**Highways and Minor Ports (HR1) Department**

G.O.(Ms) No.85

Dated: 30.05.2016

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Read:

- (1) Budget Announcement No.5 of Hon'ble Minister (Highways and Minor Ports) for the year 2014-2015.
- (2) From the Director General(H) letter No.400/General /2016, dated 11.08.2014, 20.11.2014 & 24.02.2015.

**ORDER:**

During the Budget 2014-15, the Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports has announced that, a separate land acquisition cell will be formed to facilitate the land acquisition process of the Highways Department through outsourcing.

2. Based on the announcement, the Director General, Highways in his letter second read above has stated that implementation of all the major infrastructure projects requires acquisition / alienation of land which is a time consuming process. Land required for highway infrastructure projects in the State is being acquired as per the Tamil Nadu Highways Act, 2001. The Highways Department is currently implementing 231 major infrastructure projects involving land acquisition of around 1275 Ha. Besides this, around 275 Ha of Government land pertaining to various departments requires to be alienated.

3. The land acquisition involves various processes requiring intervention of Highways officials at every stage of the acquisition process till taking over the possession. In order to speed up the land acquisition activities required for implementation of road and bridge infrastructure projects by Highways Department and for effective coordination with Revenue Department, creation of separate Land Acquisition unit is necessary. Though the Revenue Department is the prime department governing the land acquisition, the alienation process involves coordination among multiple land owning departments.



4. In G.O.Ms.No.285, Revenue Department, dated 10.02.1966, orders have been issued for employment of the staff to attend the preliminary works relating to the acquisition of the lands for industrial and other purposes. In G.O.(Ms) No.190, Public Works Department, dated 24.07.2012, the Government have sanctioned 4 Land Acquisition Units for acquiring 692.42 acres of private lands and alienation of 560.06 acres of poramboke lands.

5. The Director General has also stated that NHAI acquires lands for their projects utilizing the services of temporary special land acquisition units created for the purpose with the 13 staff strength per unit for acquisition of approximately 250 acres.

6. The Director General, Highways has also stated that the Highways Department is currently acquiring around 3150 acres of private land and in the process in alienation of 680 acres of Government lands (belonging to various departments). Further, major projects such as Chennai Peripheral Road (around 2000 acres), major infrastructure projects pronounced under Vision 2023 requires acquisition of much more lands. The existing staff of revenue department find it difficult to cope with the requirements of the requesting bodies in cases of land acquisition due to the variable workload and nature of work. He has further stated that the Highways department has to maintain the land records pertaining to 67,012 km of roads under National Highways, State Highways, Major District Roads and Other District Roads category spread over the entire State. Also the participation of surveyors during the eviction of encroachments in safe guarding the Highway Boundary is also very much needed.

7. The Director General, Highways has stated that the proposed unit shall have the following set of staff for attending various activities of Highways Department. The Land Acquisition Unit will function under the control of the District Revenue Officer with eight Land Acquisition Units at eight regular circles viz., Chennai, Villupuram, Salem, Trichy, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tirunelveli.

**The staff requirement for the proposed Land Acquisition Cell to function under the Director General, Highways at the office of the Director General:**

Name of the post	Number of posts
District Revenue Officer	1
Head Surveyor	1
Assistant	1
Steno cum Typist	1
Office Assistant	1
Driver	1
Total	6

