

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has instructed the officials concerned to ensure that every urban and rural areas land is accounted for ownership of each and every inch of land is ascertained. The CM said through the Land Records Purification, Rectification and Updation, land records of rural areas in the state are clarified and in a similar way the details of land records in urban and cities should be finalised. Since it was decided to distribute passbooks on March 11, measures should be taken to reach the passbooks by March 5 in all the districts. The land records should be purified in such a manner that there would not be any litigation in future and they would be maintained with transparency.

The CM held a review meeting here on Thursday at Pragathi Bhavan on the simplified passbooks, preparation of Pahanis, programmes to be taken up post-Land records purification and on Dharani website maintenance. Chief Advisor to government Sri Rajiv Sharma, Principal Secretaries Sri S Narsing Rao, Ms Shanti Kumari, Principal Secretary (Revenue) Sri Rajeshwar Tiwari, Land Records Mission Director Ms Vakati Karuna, Mee Seva Commissioner Sri Venkateswar Rao, Rangareddy District Collector Sri Raghunandan Rao, Medchel Collector Sri MV Reddy, MLA Sri Alam Venkateswarlu, MLC Sri Karne Prabhakar, MDC Chairman Sri Seri Subhash Reddy and others participated.

“There are 31 columns in passbooks and Pahanis now. There is no need for so many columns due to several changes took place from time to time. There was a need of certain columns when the government was collecting the land Cess. Now there is no need. Some of these columns will add to the confusion. The entire data and information on land records will be on Dharani site. There is no need to have more information on the passbooks and Pahanis given to farmers. Important and necessary information will be sufficient. It is enough if the details of the name of farmer, survey number, extent of land and how he obtained the land are given. Terms are used in other languages in Pahanis and passbooks. Our farmers will never understand these terms. Use the terms and language, which our farmers can understand. The new passbooks and Pahanis should have these changes,” the CM said.

A decision is arrived at on what columns should be deleted and what new columns should be incorporated after a detailed discussion. It was decided to have these changes

incorporated in passbooks and Pahanis, which are to be distributed. It was also decided to have the photograph of the landowner and a unique number to each passbook.

“The Land records Purification programmes became a great success. With this details and information of almost all the land, every inch in rural areas is ascertained. Decision regarding the lands in legal disputes, other disputes will be taken under the Part B land records rectification programme. Clarity arrived at in 93 percent of the lands. Land records in rural areas are almost cleaned. Now focus on the land in urban areas and in the cities. Find out which land owned by whom and fix the ownership rights. Examine if the private lands also can be given a unique number like the survey number. The government is of the view that after the land records purification there will be a fall in the land disputes in rural areas. Study what kind of method should be adopted for the urban and city areas? Details of every inch of land in Telangana under whose ownership it is and what is happening on the land etc., should be available with the government,” the CM told the officials.

The CM instructed,” On March 11, new passbooks should be distributed in all the villages. Prepare plans for the printing and supply of the passbooks. By March 5, all the districts should receive the passbooks.”

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