

**ASSOCIATION OF LAND AND LAND REFORMS OFFICERS', WEST BENGAL**

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Memo. No. 8/ALLO/2020

Date: 24 / 07/2020

To

The Principal Secretary & Land Reforms Commissioner,  
Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Department,  
Government of West Bengal,  
NABANNA, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road,  
Shibpur, Howrah, Pincode- 711102.

Re: Seeking protection against activism of certain district  
administration in this COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Sir,

With due respect, At the outset, on behalf of our association, we would like to state that we are very much aware of the social responsibilities and have volunteered to be front-line fighter against COVID as and when required and asked for by the general administration.

May I inform that already our association has distributed relief material to more than 5500 Umphan & pandemic affected people over 13 districts in West Bengal. We also arranged blood donation camps where more than 75 members donated their blood. We have also resolved to participate in the West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund.

On 02/07/2020, we very much appreciated your instruction during video conference to hold the protection from health hazard to be of utmost priority during work. It is also the latest order of the State Government that overall attendance in all the offices/establishments under the State Government should not be 50 percent on any given day. We appreciate that such order has been issued considering the gravity of the present situation.

In spite of the pandemic situation, the BL&LRO offices are limping back to normalcy with depleted staff strength, the citizen centric work along with collection of revenue and cesses are gaining momentum.

Already, in different district our cadres have been affected with symptoms of COVID-19. Still, the service to the applicants for mutations, record corrections etc. are being carried out diligently.

In some of the districts, the district authorities are completely under denial mode. They are insisting and pressing hard to step up the rate of disposal ignoring the pandemic situation. Frequent meetings (though virtual), calling for different reports almost every day are being also inflicted by the district authorities. Perhaps, they aren't flexible enough to adapt to the present pandemic condition.

As a result, the entire cadre and employees in the integrated setup, particularly at the BL&LRO level are being exposed to crowd beyond control.

BL&LROs and ROs are not omnipotent and are very much humans. Sometimes, the executive approaches meted out by the regional authorities towards this cadre, only makes us to be the beast of burden uncaused for exposure would only help COVID situation to concern.

Hence, our poor BL&LROs and ROs may please be spared from being stretched beyond tolerance by such authorities.

For heaven's sake, some of the district authorities have been considerate with a practical approach regarding functioning of the officers.

Further, we demand that wherever our cadres are sent to attend the COVID related situation, they must be provided with adequate protection, kits and proper enrolment under the insurance schemes. This will not only save them but also their families.

Under a compelling situation, we draw your kind attention to save our cadres from such ostensible propensities of the district authorities.

Yours faithfully,

*Chanchal Samajder*

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General Secretary

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Copy to:-

1. The Director of Land Records & Surveys & Jt. Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal, for his kind perusal and necessary action, please.
2. The Additional District Magistrate and District Land & Land Reforms Officer, \_\_\_\_\_, for necessary action, please.

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General Secretary