

Subject :- Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation & Consolidation of Holdings Act - 1947
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C I R C U L A R :

During the Settlement Commissioner's recent tour for inspection of consolidation work in one village, (the scheme of which is yet to be published under Sec. 19(1) of the Act) it was found that though some of the khatedars wanted consolidation of scattered holdings, in a less number of compact blocks, the Asstt. Consolidation Officer did not give an opportunity to them in as much as some parcels of land, which could have been consolidated, remained scattered as before. Similarly, a khatedar who wanted a rectangular block in place of a long strip of block, was not given an opportunity to consult adjoining land owners to change the shape of the block with mutual consent. It was argued by the A.C.O. that if the blocking is revised according to the wishes of the khatedars, the annual target fixed for him would not be achieved. This argument is unbalanced. It is not the intention that the schemes should be completed for achieving the target only, without efforts being made to bring the scattered holdings into compact blocks, as few as possible in number and make the blocks rectangular wherever possible. The A.C.O. must attempt in reaching a high percentage of consolidation in every village. The success of the scheme mainly depends on the percentage of consolidation of holdings achieved and not merely on the number of schemes completed. The annual performance, among other things, of the A.C.O. is also judged in consideration of the average percentage of consolidation achieved by him.

2. The A.C.Os. should concentrate their full resources right from the beginning and make all possible efforts in reducing the scattered holdings and bringing them into as few compact blocks as possible.

3. The Consolidation Officers as supervisory officers, are equally responsible for seeing that the maximum possible percentage of consolidation is achieved. They are requested to be more vigilant from the beginning and in ensuring that the percentage of consolidation does not fall below the prescribed limit of 50 per cent in any village.

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