

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Panchayats & Rural Development**  
**Joint Administrative Building (6<sup>th</sup> to 9th Floors) HC-07, Sector III**  
**Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 106**

No. 4973/ PN/O/I/1A-6/2014

Dated: 12.12.2014

**ORDER**

Whereas in terms of Section 175 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the Zilla/Mahakuma Parishads are empowered to acquire, hold and dispose of immovable property and to enter into contracts with previous approval of the prescribed authority;

And whereas, in terms of Notification issued by this Department vide No. 5316/PN/O/I/1A-3/2010 dated 01.07.2010, the Commissioner, Panchayats & Rural Development, West Bengal is the prescribed authority to accord such approval in case of acquisition or disposal of immovable property by Zilla Parishad when the area of the land does not exceed 2 acres and the State Government is the prescribed authority to accord such approval when the area of the land exceeds 2 acres;

And whereas, the Land & Land Reforms Department, Land Policy Branch has issued a Memorandum vide No. 3145-LP/1A-03/14 dated 24.11.2014 allowing the various departments to go in for direct purchase of land for public purpose mainly involving the early commissioning of infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, food godowns, drinking water, flood protection and other similar projects in rural areas through the concerned Zilla/Mahakuma Parishad by adopting the procedure stated in the said Memorandum;

And whereas, it is stated in the said Memorandum that the Panchayats & Rural Development Department will issue direction upon all the Zilla/Mahakuma Parishads concerned to purchase land for other department(s) under Section 212 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973;

Therefore, after careful consideration of the entire matter and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 212 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the Governor is hereby pleased to issue direction upon all the Zilla/Mahakuma Parishads concerned to purchase land for any department of the State Government by adopting the procedure and terms and conditions as stated in the aforesaid Memorandum and abiding by the provisions of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973.

By order of the Governor

  
Principal Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal



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Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. The O.S.D. & E.O.A.C.S. & L.R.C, Land and Land Reforms Department, Land Policy Branch, Nabanna (6<sup>th</sup> Floor).
2. The Sabhdhipati.....Zilla Parishad (All)/ Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad
3. The Commissioner, Panchayats & Rural Development, West Bengal
4. The Executive Officer,.....Zilla Parishad (All)/ Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad
5. The Additional Executive Officer,.....Zilla Parishad (All) / Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad
6. The District Panchayats & Rural Development Officer,.....District (All)

 12/12/2014  
OSD & Ex-officio Special Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal