



**Revenue Department  
Government of Goa,  
Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa. 403 521**

**File No. 1/1/2020-RD-I / 765-**

**Dated:- 14/08/2024**

- Read 1) Order passed in High Court of Bombay in W.P. No. 71/2000 dated 10/7/2000
- 2) Order passed in High Court of Bombay in W.P. No. 168/2000 dated 23/06/2004.
- 3) Circular No. 1/1/2020-RD-I/1262 dated 02/11/2023.

**CIRCULAR**

Section 18K of the Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act, 1964, states that no land purchased by a tenant shall be transferred by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage, lease or assignment without the previous sanction of the Mamlatdar.

The High Court of Bombay at Goa vide Order dated 10/07/2000 in Writ Petition No. 71/2000 took cognizance of the issue of illegal conversion of agricultural land for non agricultural purposes and passed an Interim Order directing that no Mamlatdar shall act under Section 18K of the Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act, 1964 with respect to transfer of land under Rule 6(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) and (f) until further directions. The said Order was jointly passed in PIL Writ Petition No. 168/2000.

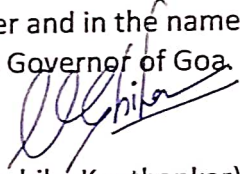
The Writ Petitions have been disposed off by the Hon'ble High Court. Now, as per advice of Law (Legal) Department, the application before the Mamlatdar under Section 18K of Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act, 1964 will have to be considered on the individual merits on the facts of the case and as per prevailing law in force.

The Mamlatdar while deciding the applications under Section 18K shall bear in mind the intentions of the Goa Agricultural Tenancy Act, 1964 and subsequent amendment made to the Rules vide Notification No. 1/2/2023/RD-I/267 dated 14/03/2024 alongwith provisions of the Goa Land Use (Regulation) Act, 1991 and its amendment vide Notification No. 7/8/2024-LA-70 dated 12/03/2024.

Further, after due inquiry if the Mamlatdar is satisfied that permission under Section 18K can be granted to the applicants, the Mamlatdar shall take appropriate decision. However, no such decision shall be communicated to the applicant without sending the decision for prior perusal of the State Government. Further, the Mamlatdar shall take further necessary action only after it has been communicated to him that upon perusal, the Government has taken a note of his decision.

This issues in supersession to the Circular dated 02/11/2023.

By order and in the name of  
the Governor of Goa.

  
(Vrushika Kauthankar)  
Under Secretary (Revenue-I)

To,

1. The Collector, North Goa District, Collectorate Building, Panaji-Goa.
2. The Collector, South Goa District, Matanhy Saldanha Administrative Complex, Near KTC Bus Stand, Margao-Goa.
3. All the Dy. Collectors/SDO of all the talukas
4. All the Mamlatdars/Jt. Mamlatdars of all the talukas
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