

To

The Commissioner Bombay/Poona Division,
Bombay, Poona.

No. TNC.6768/29998-M

Revenue and Forests Department,
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32,
Dated: 13th March, 1968.

Subject:- Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands
Act, 1948 -
Section 32-P Implementation of -

Sir,
Dear

During the discussion in the Assembly on 29th February, 1968 there was a general criticism on the implementation of Tenancy law especially some instances were cited in which allegedly the purchase of land by tenants under the provisions of the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948 was declared ineffective without taking any steps to recover the amount of purchase price as arrears of land revenue. It was also pointed out that in such cases the tenant-purchasers were not even served with notice for making payment of the instalments of purchase price. Government has already issued instructions in the Government Resolution Revenue and Forests Department No. TNC.6768/30066-M(Spl.) dated 22nd July, 1965 detailing the procedure relating to the recovery of arrears of purchase price as arrears of land revenue. Besides, instructions have been issued in the Government Letter Revenue and Forests Department No. TNC.5766/22902-M(Spl.) dated 8th December, 1966 according to which revenue officers are required to report to Government all such cases where the land other than the land which is purchased by the tenant-purchasers under the provisions of section 32 of the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948, is required to be put to auction for purposes of recovery of instalments of purchase price. Further it has been clarified in the Government Letter Revenue and Forests Department No. TNC.5766/22902-M(Spl.) dated 21st January, 1967 that the amendment to sections 32-K and 32-M by the Amending Act No. 31 of 1965 would cover cases where a tenant expresses his willingness to purchase the land and at a later stage resiles from his consent or

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