

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
REVENUE (LANDS-I) DEPARTMENT

Memo No.REV01-LANA/214/2026, dated 17-04-2026

Sub:- Village Service Inam lands – Conversion into freehold- Registration kept in abeyance – Proposal for the exemption from the abeyance- in respect of lands found in accordance with G.O/Guidelines – Regarding.

Ref:- 1) Directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the meeting held on 08.04.2026.

2. G.O.Ms.No.310, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, dated 19.07.2023.

3. Government Memo No. REV01-LANA0MISC/659/2023-LANDS-I, dated 05.10.2023.

4. G.O.Ms.No.596, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, Dt.19.12.2023.

5. Circular Memo No.REVO8-22/490/2024-GENERAL-IGRS, Dt.10.08.2024.

6.From the CCLA,AP e-office file computer no.3211435

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The CCLA & Spl.CS AP has submitted that the Hon'ble Chief Minister, during the review of revenue subjects held on 08.04.2026 has directed the department to submit the proposal regarding the removal of Village Service Inams which are placed under Section 22A of the Registration Act, 1908.

2. CCLA, AP has submitted that numerous representations are being received from the public during the resurvey regarding lands purchased from Village Service Inam holders and field staff are facing ambiguity as to whether the provisions of the Inams Amendment Act, 16 of 2013, are applicable to village service Inams. It is observed that, among various service grants, village service Inams are granted for services rendered by a particular community to the entire village. Hence, these Inams are required to be treated differently from other service Inams, such as endowment/religious/institutional Inams, which are primarily burdened with service to a deity. As Village service Inams are not burdened with service to any deity, they do not fall within the purview of Act 16 of 2013. Accordingly, the CCLA & Special CS has forwarded a proposal to the Government to keep village service Inams out of the purview of the said Act.

3. Government vide G.O.Ms.No.310, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, dated 19.07.2023 has stated that the religious service Inams are burdened with service to the concerned Deity and the grantee, while eking his own livelihood by cultivating the land, is obligated to render service as mandated at the time of grant of service Inam. On the other hand, several service Inams were granted to village services viz, Barbers, carpenters, blacksmiths, washer man, Potters etc., for rendering service to the village community at large. Therefore, the words "Public Charity" used in the Amendment Act No 16/2013 is not to be seen as inclusive of Village service/ service Inams. The Government have clarified that the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryothwari) Act, 1956 as amended by Act No.16/2013 do not apply to Village service / village service Inams. Accordingly it was ordered that ryotwari pattas already granted in the case of such service and/or Village service Inams are valid

and such pattadars/their Legal Heirs/Purchasers shall be recorded as pattadar in all Revenue records and the same shall be incorporated in the necessary Re-survey records.

4. Further to implement the above said GO, certain instructions were issued vide Government Memo No.REV01-LANA0MISC/ 659/2023-LANDS-I, dated 05.10.2023. Subsequently, the CCLA & Spl CS issued certain instructions from time to time. Further, in the reference 4th cited the Govt. vide G.O.Ms.No.596, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, Dt.19.12.2023, have issued comprehensive executive instructions for grant of freehold rights to assigned lands under Act 35 of 2023 and other related matters. The said orders, inter alia, covered Village Service Inam lands also, and directed that such lands, upon due verification, shall be treated as patta lands, removed from the list of prohibited properties under Section 22-A and reflected accordingly in the revenue records, thereby enabling the Pattadars to enjoy full rights over such lands.

5. Accordingly, the District Collectors have taken action and made the Village Service Inams freehold to an extent of Acs. 1,38,848.35 acres.

6. As the matter stood thus, vide Circular Memo No.REVO8-22/490/2024-GENERAL-IGRS, dated 10.08.2024, the Government, having noticed certain irregularities and instances of illegal conversion of lands into freehold, including cases involving ineligible persons and even Government/poramboke lands, have issued instructions to keep the registration of such freehold lands in abeyance. It was also directed that all such cases shall be subjected to detailed verification under the supervision of the District Collectors and that registration shall not be permitted until completion of such verification and appropriate decision by the competent authority. Accordingly, along with the assignment lands made free hold, the registrations in the Village Service Inam lands also have been kept in abeyance. The CCLA & Spl CS issued certain instructions from time to time on verification.

7. Further, CCLA & Spl.Cs, AP has submitted that in pursuance of the instructions issued in the reference 5th cited, all the District Collectors have completed verification of Village Service Inam lands made freehold to an extent of Ac1,38,848.35 .

12. The CCALA, AP has requested the Government that the total extent of Ac. 1,36,024.38 may be exempted from the abeyance orders issued in the 5th reference cited and to issue instructions to the District Collectors to update revenue records in respect of the said lands in accordance with the G.O.Ms.No.310, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, dated 19.07.2023.

13. Government, after careful examination, hereby exempted the total extent of Ac. 1,36,024.38 (as per the annexure) from the orders issued in the 5th reference cited and all the District Collectors are instructed to update revenue records in respect of the said lands in accordance with the G.O.Ms.No.310, Revenue (Lands-I) Department, dated 19.07.2023.

14. CCLA and IGRS are directed to take necessary steps, including making necessary modifications in their software, to ensure that registration of transaction of these lands is enabled.

15. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP., IG R&S and All the District Collectors in the state shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Spl.CS, AP.
IG, R&S, AP.,
All the District Collectors in the State'
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The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (Revenue)
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ANNEXURE-I

District wise Village Service Inam lands exempted from abeyance orders			
S.No.	District Name	Total Village Service Inam land in Acres.	Extent of Service Inam lands exempted from the abeyance orders in Acres.
1	Alluriseetaramaraju	0.00	0.00
2	Anakapalli	3389.10	3356.44
3	Anantapuram	2361.20	2361.20
4	Annamayya	4818.39	3929.95
5	Bapatla	668.02	668.02
6	Chittoor	358.91	358.91
7	Dr.BR.Ambetkar Konaseema	4878.02	4878.02
8	East Godavari	1889.62	1889.62
9	Eluru	1186.44	1186.44
10	Guntur	75.16	75.16
11	Kakinada	855.92	855.92
12	Krishna	0.00	0.00
13	Kurnool	23028.46	23028.46
14	Nandyal	32454.51	32454.51
15	NTR	151.05	151.05
16	Palnadu	2427.58	2426.27
18	Parvathipuram Manyam	938.02	922.07
17	Parkasam	9525.37	9525.37
19	SPSR Nellore	12214.18	11162.45
20	Sri Satyasai	5493.16	5080.92
21	Srikakulam	408.99	388.86
22	Tirupathi	2307.85	1950.34
23	Visakhapatnam	585.11	542.07
24	Vizianagaram	956.33	956.33
25	West Godavari	1253.50	1253.50
26	YSR Kada[ra	26623.46	26622.50
Grand Total		138848.35	136024.38

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