

MOST IMMEDIATE

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
(JAGIR BRANCH)

To

All the Deputy Commissioners
in the State of Punjab

Memo No. 4/16/97-J-II/2113
Chandigarh, dated the 30th May, 1997

Subject : Instructions regarding the land attached to religious institutions owned and controlled by State Government.

Please refer to the instructions issued vide Punjab Government Memo No. 11/39/82-J-II/Rev./17114, dated 13.12.82, No. 11968, dated 7.8.87 and No. 1568, dated 31.1.92 addressed to all Deputy Commissioners in the State on the subject cited above.

2. It has been observed that these instructions are not being complied with meticulously. In a separate case ROR No. 522 of 1988-89 the Financial Commissioner Revenue has made the following observations:-

“ I am constrained to make some observations about the way in which the lands belonging to religious places and Deras are being grabbed by influential people. What is happening in Punjab is that long standing entries in jamabandis are being changed by revenue officials in connivance with influential people to alienate land belonging to religious places or panchayats. The Circle Revenue Officers are wilfully flouting the provisions of para 7.30 of Land Record Manual. Old entries in jamabandis cannot be changed by incompetent entries made by revenue officers. They are making misuse of the mechanism of Fard Badar..... no self-respecting revenue officials will make amendments in old jamabandis by way of simple Fard Badar when there is either no order from the Civil Court or a clerical mistake is not made out. I am of the opinion that the Fard Badar procedure should only be followed either by specific order of the Civil Court or by the orders of no less an authority than Divisional Commissioner. In all such cases orders of Divisional Commissioner should be obtained through Sub Divisional Magistrates and Deputy Commissioners. Only this way this misuse of Fard Badar procedure will be avoided. Any entries made by the revenue officials in lax manner should be viewed seriously and Government should come down with a heavy hand on such officials”.

3. You are, therefore, requested to order all the revenue officials under your control on this subject and ask them to follow the guidelines laid down by the Financial Commissioner Revenue in his order. Any laxity should be and will be viewed seriously.

4. Receipt of these instructions may please to acknowledged.

Sd/-

Under Secretary to Govt. Punjab,
Revenue Department.

Endst. No. 4/16/97-J-II/2114

Chandigarh, dated the 30th May, 1997

Copy forwarded to all District Revenue Officers in the State for information and necessary compliance of above mentioned instructions.

Sd/-

Under Secretary to Govt. Punjab,
Revenue Department.