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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Local Self Govt. (DC) Dept.,
Thiruvananthapuram,
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Sub:- LSGD - enumeration of slum population in the Country in
Census 2011 - identification - instructions - reg.

Ref:- Lr.No.28/4/2008/SE(NBO) dated 24-12-10 of the
Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Housing and
Urban Poverty Alleviation.

The Slum Census 2001 did not reflect the actual population residing in slums due to inappropriate identification of slum enumeration blocks, resulting in gross underestimation of slum population, and misleading data for planning for urban growth and slum redevelopment. In order to redress this issue, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.Pronab Sen, for a new definition of 'slum' than the current one. The Committee has recommended and the Census of India has accepted that a slum should be a contiguous area with 20-25 HHs having slum like characteristics, identified as:

- i) Predominant roof material. any material other than concrete (PBC/RCC)
- ii) Availability of drinking water source: not within premises of the census house.
- iii) Availability of latrine: not within premises of the census house.
- iv) Drainage facility: no drainage or open drainage.

The census operations are planned such that census officials/field enumerators have to flag those Enumeration Blocks which fulfill or have areas that fulfill the above criteria of a Slum. Once the layout maps are prepared by the Census official after the identification of Enumeration Block, every contiguous area with 20-25 HHs having slum-like characteristics would be counted as slum.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation would work closely with the Registrar General of India to carry out the ground verification of slum clusters within the identified enumeration blocks to finalize the Master Frame of slums in the country. The Master Frame of slum clusters would be shared by the Ministry with the State Governments and the concerned ULBs, which should take these into account while planning their slum improvement programmes.

It is noticed that the Municipal executives are still enumerating slums for the 2011 Census based on their previous instructions, which largely recognized only 'notified' slums. This will again lead to under estimation of slum population. In this background, timely intervention is urgently required to instruct the concerned State level officers and authorities in cities/towns across the State to take necessary steps to earmark not only the notified, recognized and identified slum areas in all statutory towns but also all slum like clusters as per the recommendations in the "Report of the Committee on Slum Statistics/Census" and to ensure complete identification of slums.

In this circumstances, Secretaries of Corporations/ Municipalities are hereby directed to issue a certificate to the effect that the exercise of identification of all slums is complete in all respects in the town under his/her control and no area has been left out.

S.M.VIJAYANAND,
Additional Chief Secretary

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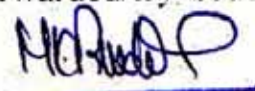
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The Accountant General, (A&E), Kerala Thiruvananthapuram.
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