



Housing and Urban
Development Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

Letter (Ms) No.156/HBA/2020-1, dated 15.10.2020

From **Thiru.Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S.,**
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
All Secretaries to Government,
Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.
All District Collectors.
All Head of Departments.
All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.
The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, Chennai -104.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.
The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA), Chennai-18.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Chennai-15.
All District Treasury Officers.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (North), Chennai-1.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (Secretariat), Chennai-9.
The Finance (Housing/Loans & Advances Cell / Salaries) Department,
Chennai-9.
The Secretary, Legislative / Assembly Secretariat, Chennai -9.
The Resident Audit Officer,
O/o. Principal Accountant General (G&SSA), Chennai-9.
All Sections in Housing and Urban Development Department, Chennai-9.
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-3.
Sir/Madam,

Sub: Loans and Advances - Sanction of House Building Advance -
Delegation of powers to the District Collectors - Sanction of
House Building Advance to employees by the respective
District Collectors of Districts where they are in service -
Irrespective of the District of the location of the property -
Orders Issued - Regarding.

Ref: G.O.(Ms).No.1080, Housing and Urban Development Department,
dated 23.06.1979.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the reference cited wherein the Government have issued orders decentralizing the powers of sanction of House Building Advance and delegating it to the concerned District Collectors.

2. In the above Government order, among other things, it was ordered that the District Collectors are empowered to sanction house building advance as per House Building Advance Rules to the Government Servants, other than All India Service Officers, the Heads of Departments and the officers and staff employed in

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the Departments of Secretariat, who propose to construct / purchase their houses in their respective districts irrespective of the place of employment of the said Government Servants. In respect of Chennai city and the areas in Kancheepuram District coming under the jurisdiction of Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), the Collector of Chennai shall be the sanctioning authority.

3. Therefore, as per the existing orders of House Building Advance, if a Government Employee working in Chennai proposes to purchase land or ready built house situated in Madurai, he has to submit his application for the sanction of House Building Advance to the District Collector, Madurai only. In this case, though he is working in Chennai, the House Building Advance has to be sanctioned by District Collector, Madurai. However, the sanction order will have to be sent to the Head of Office / Drawing and Disbursing Officer where the employee is working and the Drawing and Disbursing Officer concerned has to draw and disburse the loan amount to the employee after duly making entries regarding the sanction of loan amount in the Service Register of the individual.

4. This has now caused a huge problem in furnishing of reconciliation certificates by the Sanctioning Authorities, as the Sanctioning Authority and the drawing and disbursing authority are different and are not in the same districts.

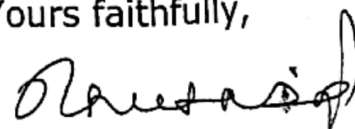
5. In view of implementation of IFHRMS also, it would be better if the House Building Advance (HBA) can be sanctioned by the concerned Collector in which District the employee is working irrespective of the districts where the land / construction of house / ready built house exist, so that Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the district can easily draw and make payment to the individual, after making entries in e-Service Register. The employee also need not follow it up with other District collectorate in submitting the documents then and there and pursue for sanctioning. This will also facilitate reconciliation of House Building Advance amount in time.

6. The Government after careful consideration of the above facts, in partial modification of the Government order cited, hereby direct that hereinafter the District Collector of the respective District where the Government servant is employed, shall be the authority to sanction House Building Advance to that employee, irrespective of the District where the property is located. Whenever there is a need for inspection, the Sanctioning Authority may request the Collector of the district in which the property is situated to conduct an inspection and send a report.

7. The above order shall come into force with immediate effect.

8. Necessary amendments to House Building Advance Rules will be issued separately.

Yours faithfully,

 19/10/20

for Principal Secretary to Government.

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