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# SUMMARY

OF WORK DONE IN CONNECTION WITH

# RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES ON LAND

IN THE PUNJAB

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## PREFACE

Part X of the summary dealt with the achievements of the Resettlement (Land) Department from 1st January to 30th June 1953. This booklet is Part XI of this series and summarises the progress made in respect of the resettlement of refugees on land and the instructions issued during the half-year ending 31st December 1953.

2. This summary has been split up into two chapters. Chapter I deals with the rehabilitation of certain classes of refugees on temporary basis. The phase of temporary allotment in rural areas has now almost been over. It has now been decided to allot on temporary basis the urban agricultural land to the refugee claimants who have abandoned similar land in urban areas of the prescribed territories in India. With a view to help the "Grow More Food Campaign" the evacuee land lying on the sides of the river which is not immediately required for allotment under the scheme has also been allowed to be given out on lease for one year for cultivation of food crops.

3. Chapter II contains important orders and instructions issued during the period under review for the implementation of the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme. It also reveals the progress of the resettlement work done in the province on the quasi-permanent basis, the number of claims and objections verified and re-verified by the Central Record Room and the revenue record of the refugees obtained from the prescribed areas in India, upto 31st December 1953.

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*Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab,  
Resettlement and Colonies Department.*

*Dated 1st May 1954*



SUMMARY OF THE WORK DONE IN THE REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT (LAND)  
DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JULY, 1953 TO 31ST DECEMBER,  
1953.

CHAPTER I

TEMPORARY REHABILITATION AND OTHER ALLIED MATTERS

In Punjab Government Circular Memo. No. 4434-R(L), dated the 16th June 1953 it was ordered that in view of the food crisis lands available along the rivers should be leased out for one year for cultivation of food crops without charging any rent or water rate and that preference should be given to refugees provided they are capable of cultivating it. In this connection it was further ordered that the unit of allotment of such evacuee areas along the rivers should be the same as prescribed for leasing the Evacuee Banjar lands in connection with "Grow More Food Campaign" in Punjab Government Circular Memorandum No. 3710-R(L), dated 16th May, 1953, *i.e.* (Appendix I).

2. Complaints were received by Government that temporary allottees were being disturbed from rural evacuee agricultural lands reserved for the extension of towns or other public purposes before such land was actually needed for the purpose for which it was reserved. It was therefore ordered that temporary allottees of agricultural evacuee land reserved for such purposes should not be disturbed even though they may have obtained allotments elsewhere under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme. They should, however, in the latter case be charged rent at the rate of six times the land revenue till such land is actually required for the purpose for which it has been reserved (Appendix II).

3. It was ordered that the refugee owners of urban land of the prescribed territory in India whose claims have been verified and have not so far been allotted any land should be accommodated on a purely temporary basis to the extent of their claims but not exceeding 8 acres in any case on the available urban land including that which is at present in possession of local tenants as well as landless refugee allottees. These local tenants and landless refugees would become the tenants of the new allottees and would be responsible for the payment of Batai to them in the normal way (Appendix III).

4. It was decided that village Dakoha Syedan, Jullundur Cantonment, included in the Dona Charda Assessment Circle of Tahsil and District Jullundur might be treated at par with the Bastis surrounding Jullundur City. The refugee claimants from this village will therefore, be entitled to temporary allotments in urban area on the same conditions as prescribed for claimants for the Bastis. The claimants from both the Bastis and village Dakoha were, however, asked to note that this measure was only a temporary expedient and that the question whether these areas were to be treated as urban or rural would be decided finally in due course (Appendix VI)

5. A scheme to give all the evacuee banjar lands in the Province on lease on tube-well and ordinary well-sinking conditions in connection with the "Grow More Food Campaign" was framed by Government. It was intended to enforce the Scheme in question with immediate effect but in order to afford facility to the refugee claimants still awaiting allotments on the basis of their verified claims it was, however, decided to hold this Scheme in abeyance for the present. All intending claimants of such lands were, therefore, advised to apply for allotments in lieu of their verified claims. The last date for the receipt of such applications was 31st December, 1953, but it was later decided to extend this date (Appendix V).

6. In continuation of the Punjab Government Memorandum No. 7217-R(L), dated the 14th September, 1953, the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab, approved a set of instructions for temporary allotments of land in urban area to refugee claimants who have abandoned similar areas in the agreed territories of India. It was also decided that for the purposes of this Scheme only agreed territories of India included the urban areas of East Punjab, East Punjab States, the States of Alwar, Bharatpur and Bikaner, Delhi, Ajmer, Merwara, Dhaulpur and Karauli States (now

included in the Matsya Union) and the States of Jaipur and Jodhpur (Rajputana) and the districts of Saharanpur and Dera Dun in the United Provinces [Appendix VI (i) and (ii)].

7. It appeared that some misunderstanding existed in respect of the entitlement of those claimants who are allowed land in lieu of their anticipated share in the property of their parents who still continue to enjoy possession of their land in the prescribed territories of India. In amplification of the instructions conveyed in Circular Memorandum No. 1964-R(L), dated the 12th March, 1952, it was, therefore, explained that in accordance with the instructions contained in Clause 3, Chapter I, Part II of the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme the compensation should in no circumstances be awarded to refugee claimant in excess of 36,000 produce index units for the present and that the potential shares of the successors of such parents should not be calculated on the valuation of their entire estate in the prescribed territory in India but on the allotment permissible under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme subject to a maximum of 36,000 produce index units. In no case should the aggregate produce index value of the shares of such refugees exceed the prescribed maximum.

It was also ordered that such refugee claimants should be treated as tenants under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme in respect of their allotments land that the land so held by them would not be allotted under the Scheme as already directed in Punjab Government memorandum, No. 5277-R(L), dated the 27th June, 1951. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) also ordered that all allotments made contrary to these instructions to such claimants should be revised accordingly, and sanction of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) obtained where necessary (Appendix VII).

8. It was noticed that applications were being received by local officers from refugee temporary allottees to fell trees growing on their allotted land for agricultural purposes and for purposes other than agricultural *i.e.* house building, etc. It was, therefore, decided that necessary permission might be accorded by the local Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) to the felling of trees required by the temporary allottees for these purposes (Appendix VIII).

## CHAPTER II

### REHABILITATION RESETTLEMENT

The following orders and instructions were issued to the local officers to implement the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme during the period under report :—

- (i) It was ordered that the decision conveyed in sub-paragraph (iv) of the Punjab Government Circular Memorandum, No. 4810-R(L), dated the 29th June, 1953, should also be applied to the cases of such of the claimants who are prepared to accept the position of occupancy tenants on the same conditions as the outgoing occupancy tenants was holding it under a Muslim landlord [Appendix IX (i) and (ii)].
- (ii) In continuation of Punjab Government Memorandum No. 4375-R(L), dated the 11th June, 1953, wherein it was decided that the rent previously recovered from the Muslim occupancy tenants of the Non-Muslim evacuee landlords in kind should be recovered in cash the rate of rent was prescribed, it was decided that these orders should be enforced with effect from Kharif, 1953. The recoveries already made for previous harvests (but not the arrears) should, however, be exempted from these orders (Appendix X (i) and (ii)).
- (iii) It was brought to the notice of Government that several files relating to the allotment of land to refugees were lost in district offices. To eradicate this evil it was decided that a committee consisting of one refugee M. L. A. and one local M. L. A. should be formed in each district under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Colonization Officer of

the district concerned. The function of these M. L. As. will be to intimate to the Chairman cases in which the files are missing and to ask the Deputy Commissioner to fix responsibility on the defaulting officials (Appendix XI).

- (iv) A question had arisen whether the word "grand daughters" referred to in Punjab Government Circular memorandum No. 132-R(L), dated the 8th January, 1952, was restricted to the daughters of the sons only or whether it included the daughters of the daughters as well. It was decided that "granddaughters" include the daughters of both the sons as well as daughters of the original refugee owner (Appendix XII).
- (v) It was complained that the refugee allottees were not being allowed to grow trees on the lands allotted to them under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), therefore, directed that there should be no objection to the plantation of trees on such lands as a matter of fact it should be encouraged (Appendix XIII).
- (vi) A question had arisen whether Government servants, allowances holders and local owners could be treated at par with sitting allottees where it was proposed to enforce the principle of rateable distribution. It was decided that Government servants and Local owners or the Chak/Estate or adjoining Chak/Estate should be considered of the same status as sitting allottees if:—
- (a) In the case of Government servants, their near relatives are settled in the Chak/Estate;
- (b) local owners and Government servants had originally registered claims for that Chak/Estate (Appendix XIV).
- (vii) In continuation of Punjab Government Circular memorandum No. 363-R(L), dated 15th January, 1952, it was decided that allotments made to refugee managers of Trusts should not exceed a maximum of 1,000 produce indices except in respect of educational trust or trusts for specific purposes which can be justified anywhere, it should be referred to the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) for orders (Appendix XV).
- (viii) A question had arisen whether the claims based on the entries recorded as "Pattedars" in the Revenue records received from India should be treated at par with "Dawami Pattedars" who have been accorded the status of occupancy tenants under sections 6 and 8 of the Punjab Tenancy Act. As Government has not recognised these leases the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) accordingly ordered that "Pattedars" cannot be treated as analogous to "Dawami Pattedars" and will not be entitled to any allotment of evacuee land under the Scheme in lieu of these rights (Appendix XVI).
- (ix) In view of the fact that the Punjab Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Act, 1948 will have no retrospective effect it will not be applicable to the cases of succession of deceased right holders relating to property abandoned by them and still held in their names in India. It was, therefore, decided that such cases should be decided in accordance with the instructions already embodied in paragraph 46, Chapter I, Part II of the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme (Appendix XVII).
- (x) It was brought to notice that rights of deceased right holders were being conferred upon their successors without proper enquiry and often certain persons were included who were

neither claimants in an estate nor reside normally in those estates. Such persons although they might be the successors are invariably claimants in other estates for the same property and in this manner different successors of the same deceased right holders succeed in securing allotments in entirety on verified *fard haqiats* in more than one estate. The local officers were, therefore, directed to comply carefully with the instructions contained in Punjab Government Circular memorandum No. 3705-R(L), dated 2nd June, 1953. It was further ordered that if and when allotments are made to the successors they should receive land to the extent of their respective shares in the inheritance only (Appendix XVIII).

- (xi) Complaints were received in large numbers that the fields staff were compelling sitting tenants of evacuee land to pay rent to their allottee landlords, under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme at rates higher than those prescribed. Attention of all local officers was therefore invited to Punjab Government notification No. 4650/4652-R(L), dated 24th June, 1953, whereby a tenant of evacuee land is liable to pay rent to his allottee landlord in accordance with the rates of batai prevailing for similar land in the locality in which the land is situated but not exceeding 5 per cent of the produce for the areas reservable for Khud kasht and not exceeding 40 per cent of the produce for all other areas (Appendix XIX).
- (xii) It had come to notice that difficulties were still being experienced in the matter of the recovery of rent from the sitting tenants of evacuee land allotted to refugees. It was therefore, decided that in the event of their failure to pay rent prompt action to eject them should be taken against them under section 8(2) (b) of the Pakistan Rehabilitation Ordinance 1948 read with clause 19 of Chapter III of the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme (Appendix XX).
- (xiii) It was brought to the notice that the Rehabilitation authorities including Tahsil Officers did not sign their full name legibly nor did they properly date the papers, registers, etc., pertaining to resettlement operations. This omission made the decision of certain issues a difficult proposition, particularly in cases where the date of the finalisation of an allotment is the determining factor. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), therefore, ordered that all concerned should sign their full names in a legible manner and append the complete date *i. e.*, day, month and year to their signatures (Appendix XXI).
- (xiv) It was observed that on account of some confusion in respect of the title to the land under revision disputes generally arise in regard to the produce of that land. It was, therefore, ordered that in all cases where the revision of allotment is necessary the *status quo* of the original allottee must be maintained until the date on which the proposed revision is finalised (Appendix XXII).
- (xv) Apart from the disputes arising in respect of the produce of land, the allotment of which has been subject to revision certain confusion also prevails in respect of the various implications of the orders of revision passed by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land). Detailed instructions were therefore issued on this subject in amplification of Punjab Government memorandum No. 9146-R(L), dated 6th November, 1953 (Appendix XXII).
- (xvi) It was observed that in the majority of cases referred to by the local officers to Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) for revision, little or not details of the facts necessitating revision



were furnished and the precise manner in which the revision was to be effected were never stated. It was, therefore, ordered that all cases necessitating any revision of allotment should be sent to him with self-contained reports explaining detailed particulars about the name and address of the parties, precise reasons for revision, the view taken by the local rehabilitation authority in the matter and detailed report in regard to the field numbers, etc. (Appendix XXIV).

(vii) It was complained that several jamabandis of refugee right holders had not been received from India and that certificates had not been issued in respect of many claims registered before October, 1951 concerning these jamabandis. In some cases no land had been reserved for such refugees and sometimes their temporary allotments had also been cancelled. It was, therefore, ordered that—

- (i) certificates should be issued by the Central Record Room in respect of such claim forms as were registered before October, 1951, and cannot be immediately verified for lack of special jamabandis;
- (ii) area should be allotted on the basis of such certificates in accordance with the instructions contained in Punjab Government memorandum No. 1327(-R(L), dated 19th February 1953; and
- (iii) temporary allotments in the names of such refugee owners should not be cancelled or allotted to others till the final verification of their claim forms (on receipt of their jamabandis from India) has been done (Appendix XXV).

(viii) It was brought to notice that no record was being maintained by the Revenue Officers of the objections lodged by claimants against *fard haqiat* and no receipts were being issued to the claimants with the result that thousands of objections had been lost and the refugees were being made to trace them out with no result. It was, therefore, decided that in future Naib-Tahsildars concerned should maintain a complete record of all objections lodged against *fard haqiat* and furnish the claimants with regular receipts for the objections presented to them (Appendix XXVI).

(ix) In view of the agreement made between the Punjab (India) and the Punjab (Pakistan) Government that complete *shajra nasabs* going up to five or six degrees in respect of evacuee right holders of both the sides irrespective of the fact whether their jamabandis had already been exchanged or not, should be exchanged on reciprocal basis, the local officers were requested to prepare copies of *shajra nasabs* going up to five or six degree in respect of the non-Muslim evacuee right holders of all the villages and to submit them direct to the Officer-in-Charge, Central Record Room, Lahore, who would arrange the exchange of this record (Appendix XVII).

2. The following progress was made by Resettlement (Land) Department in connection with the resettlement of refugees on land during the period under report—

- (i) Resettlement Operations were finalised in 16,680 estates involving an area of 2,963,172 acres and settling 9,74,826 claims thereon;
- (ii) A total of 11,55,764 claims (including duplicate claim forms were verified by the Central Record Room. As regards the verification of newly registered claims a total of 1,37,803 claims were verified out of 1,38,956 received leaving a balance of 934 claims. Similarly a total of 4,53,330 objections to verified claims were verified out of 4,59,968 received in the Central Record Room leaving a balance of 3,307 objections

3. During the 6 months under report 28 special jamabandis of East Punjab and one jamabandi of East Punjab States were received from the other side. About 15 to 20 Patwaris worked at the border for 93 days in all in connection with the comparison of record and 481 jamabandis were compared.

During this comparison at the border the following additional work was also done—

- (i) 3,130 pages of jamabandis which were missing in our special jamabandis were copied ;
- (ii) 3,335 mutations were copied ;
- (iii) 2,633 *badrat* were corrected ;
- (iv) 306 leaves of pedigree-table were copied;
- (v) 4,447 minor corrections were made in the body of our special jamabandis under the attestation of the officers of the Punjab (India);
- (vi) 38 special jamabandis were compared in full. In order to check up the progress of work and to speed up the outturn Officers from both sides held 20 meetings at Wagah.

#### APPENDIX I (i)

*Memorandum No. 6686-R(L), dated Lahore, the 29th August 1953*

*From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.*

*To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners, in the Punjab, (2) Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.*

*Subject—Adoption of measures to deal with the present food crisis.*

*Reference—In continuation of Punjab Government Circular Memo. No. 4434-R(L), dated the 16th June 1953.*

*Akhter Husain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has decided that the unit of allotment of the evacuee area along the rivers referred to in the communication cited above, should be the same as prescribed for the leaving of evacuee banjar lands in connection with "Grow More Food Campaign" in Punjab Government Circular Memo. No. 3710-R(L), dated the 16th May 1953.

*To the Deputy Commissioner, Jhang only—This disposes of your Memo. No. 1167, dated the 25th July 1953.*

*No. 6687-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded to all (1) Commissioners of Divisions, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 4435-R(L), dated the 16th June 1953.

*No. 6688-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded, for information, to the Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Agriculture Department, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 4436-R(L), dated 16th June 1953.

## APPENDIX I (ii)

*Memorandum No. 4434-R(L), dated Lahore, the 16th June 1953*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony Pakpattan, (4) Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Adoption of measures to deal with the present food crisis.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

According to paragraph VI of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 1953 (copy enclosed) to consider the memorandum regarding measures suggested by Lord Boyd or to deal with the present food crisis, the lands available along the rivers are to be given for cultivation of food crops without charging any rent or water rate. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has, therefore, decided that all such evacuee areas along the rivers as have not been allotted temporarily or in rehabilitation settlement to refugees should be leased out for one year and preference should be given to refugees provided they are capable of cultivating it.

No. 4435-R(L)

A copy is forwarded to all (1) Commissioners of Divisions, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

A copy is forwarded, for information, to the Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Agriculture Department, with reference to his endorsement No. 2317-D(A), dated 7th April 1953.

## APPENDIX II

*Memorandum No. 7070-R(L), dated Lahore, the 7th September 1953*

*From*—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (3) Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan, and (4) Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.

*Subject*—Cancellation of temporary allotments of land falling in the Satellite Town Scheme.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 7414-R(L), dated the 21st September 1951.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

Complaints are being received by Government that temporary allottees are being disturbed from rural evacuee agricultural land reserved for the extension of towns or other public purposes before such land is actually needed for the purpose for which it has been reserved. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has been pleased to order that the temporary allottees of rural agricultural evacuee land reserved for the purposes specified above should not be disturbed even though they may have obtained allotments elsewhere under the rehabilitation settlement scheme. They should, however, in the latter case, be charged rent at the rate of *six times* the land revenue till such land is actually required for the purpose for which it has been reserved.

2. So far as the temporary allottees of urban agricultural land are concerned, the existing instructions contained in Punjab Government memorandum No. 8069-R(L), dated the 25th September 1952, should be strictly followed.

No. 7071-R (L.)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to all the Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab in continuation of Punjab Government memorandum No 7413-R(L), dated the 21st September 1951.

### APPENDIX III

*Memorandum No. 7217-R (L), dated Lahore, the 14th September 1953*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; (2) Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; (3) Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan and (4) Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.

*Subject*—Allotment of evacuee urban land in Punjab.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government Memo. No. 142-R(L), dated the 8th January 1953.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) is pleased to order that the refugee owners of urban land of the prescribed territory, whose claims have not so far been allotted any land, should be accommodated on a purley temporary basis to the extent of their claims but not exceeds 8 acres in any case on the available urban land including that which is at present in possession of old local tenants as well as landless refugee allottees. These local tenants and landless refugees will become the tenants of the new allottees and will be responsible for the payment of batai to them in the normal way.

No. 7218-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to all the Commissioners in the Punjab, in continuation of Punjab Government No. 143-R(L), dated the 8th January 1953.

### APPENDIX IV

*Memorandum No. 7785-R(L), dated Lahore, the 30th September 1953*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Allotment of evacuee agricultural land situated within urban limits—Treatment of village Dakoha Syedian, Jullundur Cantonment, in connection therewith.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 2292-R(L), dated the 25th March 1953.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has decided that village Dakoha Syedian, Jullundur Cantonment included in the Dona Charada Assessment Circle of Tahsil and District Jullundur may be treated at par with the Bastis surrounding Jullundur City referred to in the reference cited above. The refugee claimants from this village will, therefore, be entitled to temporary allotments in urban areas on the same conditions prescribed for claimants from the Bastis.

2. The claimants from both the Bastis and village Dakoha should understand clearly that this measure is only a temporary expedient and that the question whether these areas are to be treated as urban or rural will be decided finally in due course.

## No. 7786-R (L)

A copy is forwarded to each (1) Commissioner of Division, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

## No. 7787-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to Syed Khushbakhat Husain Naqvi, B.A., Proprietor, Syed Mohkam-ud-Din and Sons, 7-Nila Gumbad, Lahore, with reference to his application, dated the 24th July 1953.

APPENDIX V  
PRESS NOTE

Government have framed a scheme to give all the evacuee banjar land in the Province on lease on tube-well and ordinary well-sinking conditions in connection with the GROW MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN. It was intended to enforce the scheme in question with immediate effect but in order to afford a facility to the refugee claimants still awaiting allotments on the basis of their verified claims, it has now been decided that this scheme be held in abeyance till the 31st December 1953. All intending claimants of such lands are, therefore, advised to apply for its allotment in lieu of their verified claims before the date specified above. It will be presumed, thereafter, that the banjar land for which no particular request for allotment is made before the 31st December 1953 is not wanted by any claimant for allotment on the basis of his verified claim. The requisite requests for allotment should be made to the officers incharge of the resettlement operations in the district/colony concerned.

AKHTER HUSSAIN,

Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

No. 8803-R(L), dated Lahore, the 28th October 1953

copy is forwarded to the Director, Public Relations, Punjab, for favour of wide publicity.

## No. 8804-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to:—

- (i) All Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab.
- (ii) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
- (iii) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan.
- (iv) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.
- (v) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

## APPENDIX VI (i)

Memorandum No. 9426-R(L), dated Lahore, the 12th November 1953  
From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali; (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; and (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Temporary allotment of urban lands.

Reference—Continuation of Punjab Government memorandum No. 7217-R(L), dated the 14th September 1953.

Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab has approved a set of instructions for the temporary allotment of land in urban areas for refugee claimants who have abandoned similar areas in the agreed territories

of India which, for the purposes of this scheme only, included the urban areas of East Punjab, East Punjab States and the States of Alwar, Bharatpur and Bikaner and Delhi, Ajmer, Merwara Dholpur and Karauli States (now included in the Matsya Union) and the States of Jaipur and Jodhpur and the districts of Saharanpur and Dehra Doon in the United Provinces. A copy of these instructions is enclosed herewith for your information and immediate compliance.

No. 9427-R(L)

A copy, with a copy of the enclosures, is forwarded to:—

(1) all the Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab, for information; and

(2) the Officer on Special Duty (Central Record Room), office of the Financial Commissioners, Punjab, for information and necessary compliance.

#### APPENDIX VI (ii)

It has already been decided,—*vide* Circular memorandum No. 7217, R(L), dated the 14th September 1953 from the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) that refugee owners of urban land in the prescribed territories whose claims have been verified and have not so far been allotted any land should be accommodated, on a purely temporary basis to the extent of their claim but not exceeding the prescribed maximum of eight acres on available urban land including that which is at present in possession of old local tenants and landless refugee allottees. The following procedure has been prescribed further in respect of the disposal of claims for urban land:—

#### *Instructions for the Temporary Allotment of Urban Land in Punjab*

1. Almost all the claim forms so far registered for urban areas in this Province have been verified and returned to the districts of their registration. Unfortunately *fard haqiats* issued in regard to such claim forms do not mention distinctly whether the land verified is urban or rural. The possibility of such urban claimants having already secured allotment in rural areas cannot be eliminated. It is, therefore, necessary that the local officers should refrain from making further allotments in urban areas until the *fard haqiats* specifically shows the extent of urban land abandoned in the agreed area of India.

2. In the case of claims registered for urban areas and also in other cases in which a particular claimant claims a part or the whole of his claim as urban, the local officers should forward such claims with the *fards haqiats* issued in regard thereof to the Central Record Room for re-verification and no allotment should be made unless the necessary distinction between urban and rural has been made after such a re-verification.

3. The Officer on Special Duty (Central Record Room) should go ahead with the preparation of register of right-holders for urban land if not already done and on the basis of such registers he should with all speed return the claim forms that may be forwarded to him by the local officers for re-verification in accordance with the procedure mentioned above.

4. Experience has shown that there have been interpolations in the entries in the *fard haqiats* issued with regard to rural areas. With a view to eliminating the possibility of such mischief the case of urban areas, no *fard haqiat* should be considered as genuine unless the area and the various classes thereof are recorded in words (Urdu) as well as in figures.

5. After the claims have been re-verified in accordance with the above procedure the local officers should enter the same in register in form R.L. II with suitable variations in its form, if necessary. The produce indices need not be calculated. It is important, however, that the allotments in a particular estate should not be undertaken until and unless the entire number of claim forms awaiting urban allotment in that particular estate have been re-verified. The idea is that the work should not be taken up piecemeal but allotment should be made at one time. Allotments will of course be of purely a temporary nature.

6. In making allotments the local officers should give preference in the allotment of better type of land available in the estate concerned

to refugees who have abandoned land in comparatively better localities of agreed areas of India. The localities can be graded with classes of local body on which the land was abandoned. For instance a claimant who has abandoned area in a first class Municipal Committee should be given preference for the allotment of more fertile land than a claimant who may have abandoned area in a second class Municipal Committee and so on.

7. While making allotment of urban land for agricultural purpose it should be clearly understood that *banjar* land in urban area should not be allotted in any circumstances under the scheme. Only land under cultivation and even then not within the built up area should be included.

8. The existing temporary allotments held by claimants who are entitled to land on the basis of their verified claim for urban and should be subjected to the above rule and they should not be disturbed.

9. Experience has shown that the type of orders passed by the finalizing officers in register R. L. II, have been very brief and perfunctory. Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) considers that the orders of finalizing officers should invariably contain complete details of the allotment including the number of the fields allotted.

10. The allotments should be made exclusively of officers of the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioners or Deputy Commissioners in their capacities as Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioners where there are no Additional Deputy Commissioners.

11. In cases where claimants of urban land have obtained allotment for the whole or a part of their urban claim met in rural areas the entire land verified as urban, subject to the prescribed maximum should be given in urban areas. It should be remembered that the claimants of this type are not to be permitted to have part of the allotments in rural and a part in urban areas in lieu of their urban claims.

12. The allotments in all such cases will be purely of a temporary nature. Rent from the temporary allottees of urban land will be charged at three times the land revenue.

13. Urban land which is at present in possession of old local tenants as well as landless refugee allottees will also be allotted to claimants on the basis of their verified claims. The local tenants or landless refugee will not be ejected, however, but will become the tenants of the new allottees and will pay the latter *batai* at the prescribed scale.

#### APPENDIX VII (i)

*Memorandum No. 9446-R(L), dated Lahore, the 13th November 1953.*  
*From—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.*

*To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, and (4) The Extra Assistant Commissioner, Haveli Project, Multan.*

*Subject—Rehabilitation Settlement of refugees on land in the Punjab. Claims of those refugee claimants whose parents are in India.*

*Reference—Continuation of Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 1964-R(L), dated 12th March 1952.*

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab*  
 Some misunderstanding appears to exist in respect of the entitlement of those claimants who are allotted land in lieu of their anticipated share in the property of their parents who still continue to enjoy possession of their land in the prescribed territories of India. In amplification of the instructions conveyed in the circular memorandum under reference it is explained that in accordance with the instructions contained in clause 3 Chapter I, Part II of the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme, in no circumstances can compensation be awarded to a refugee claimant in excess of 36,000 produce index units for the present. Had the parents of the claimants in question migrated to Pakistan their allotment would accordingly have been restricted to the prescribed maximum. It follows as a natural

corollary, therefore, that the potential shares of their successors will be calculated NOT on the evaluation of the entire estate in the prescribed territory but on the allotment permissible under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme subject to a maximum of 36,000 produce index units. In no case should the aggregate produce index value of the shares of such refugees exceeds the prescribed maximum.

2. Such refugee claimants should be treated as tenants in the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme in respect of their allotments and the land so held will not be allotted under Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme as already directed in Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 5277-R(L), dated 27th June 1951.

3. All allotments made contrary to the above instructions to such claimants should be revised accordingly and the sanction of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) to revision of such allotments should be obtained, if necessary.

*To the Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner, Gujranwala*—This disposes of your memorandum No. 1323/Sett, dated 5th August 1951.

*No. 9447-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded to each (1) Commissioner of division, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner, in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and necessary action.

#### APPENDIX VII (ii)

*Memorandum No. 1964-R(L), dated Lahore, the 12th March 1952*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, and (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation Settlement of refugees on land in the Punjab Claims of those refugee claimants whose parents are in India.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government circular letter No. 5277-R(L), dated the 27th June, 1951.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land).*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has further considered the position in regard to the claims of the refugee whose parents continue to enjoy possession of their land in the prescribed territories in India and observes that strictly speaking the original right-holder still being in possession of his landed property in India it cannot be treated as evacuee property in India. As such, it is improbable that copies of such record have been supplied by the Indian authorities though in a few instances they, may have been received. It has, therefore, been decided that claims from such refugee claimants should be entertained with a view to determining their anticipated shares but these claims will be treated as fresh claims and kept pending till the final decision of the claims of the right-holders.

2. If, however, it is possible to verify such claims from the records received from India, the claimants should be allotted land in accordance with their verified claims. If on the other hand such a claimant is a temporary allottee and his claims cannot be verified, the land so allotted to him should be excluded from the resettlement scheme. In cases where no temporary allotment has been made such claimants should be provided on the same scale as prescribed for landless refugees and local tenants in the Crown area, *i.e.*, eight acres perennial irrigated and twelve acres non-perennial irrigated. For chahi the scale will be twelve acres as in the case of non-perennial and in the case of barani the scale may be raised to eighteen acres.

3. It should be clearly understood, however, that such temporary allotments will be provisional subject to later adjustments or receipt of the relevant records.



*No. 1965-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded, for information, to all the Commissioners of divisions in the Punjab, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 5278-R(L), dated the 27th June, 1952.

*No. 1966-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded, for information, to the Adjutant General's Branch, P.S.I.B., General Headquarters, Rawalpindi, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 5279-R(L), dated the 27th June 1951.

## APPENDIX VIII

*Memorandum No. 11053-R(L), dated Lahore, the 26th December 1953*

*From—* Chaudhry Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To—* (1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, and (4) The Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject—* Cutting of trees by temporary allottees.

*H. A Majid, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab*

It has been brought to the notice of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) that applications are being received by local officers from refugee temporary allottees to fell trees growing on their allotted land for agricultural purposes and for purposes other than agricultural (*i.e.* house-building, etc.). After consideration the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has decided that the necessary permission may be accorded by the local Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) to the felling of trees required by that temporary allottees for these purposes.

*To the Deputy Commissioner, Jhang—*This disposes of your memorandum No. 1778, dated the 5th November, 1953.

*No. 11054-R(L)*

Copies are forwarded to all the Commissioners of divisions/Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for information/information and guidance.

*No. 11055-R(L)*

COPY forwarded to the Director, Public Relations, Punjab, Lahore, for favour of wide publicity.

## APPENDIX IX (i)

*Memorandum No. 5688-R(L), dated Lahore, the 27th July 1953*  
*From—* Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To—* (1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, and (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject—* Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Determination of the rights of Ala Maliks and Muslims landlords, both refugee and locals.

*Reference—* In continuation of Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 4810-R(L), dated the 29th June, 1953.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) Punjab.*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has decided that the decision conveyed in sub-para. (iv) of Punjab Government circular memorandum under reference should also be applied to the case of such of the claimants, who are prepared to accept the position of an occupancy tenant on the same conditions as the out-going occupancy tenant was holding it under a Muslim and lord.

No. 5689-R(L).

A copy is forwarded to each Commissioner of divisions/Additional Deputy Commissioner in the Punjab, for information/information and guidance.

APPENDIX IX (ii)

*Memorandum No. 4810-R(L), dated Lahore, the 29th June, 1953*

*From—* Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To—* (1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, and (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject—* Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Determination of the rights of Ala Maliks and Muslims Landlords, both refugees and locals.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has reconsidered the question of determining the rights of Ala Maliks and Muslim Landlords, both refugees and locals under whom there were Adna Maliks and Occupancy tenants, respectively and have made the following decisions:—

- (i) that where Ala Maliks are not clearly shown as being entitled to receive any rent, they should not be compensated in lieu of such rights on the analogy of the landlords of occupancy tenants under section 5(1) (a) of the Punjab Tenancy Act
- (ii) that where Ala Maliks were getting rent less than 10 per cent of the land revenue they should be given increase of 2 per cent on the area actually under such Ala Malkiat. Where the percentage of rent was more than 10, such an increase should be given at the rate of 5 per cent of the land under Ala Malkiat
- (iii) that where the Ala Maliks also held rights of Adna Maliks in regard to the same land, they should be compensated in full like ordinary land owners under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme. In such cases they will not be entitled to the increase contemplated by the decision referred to in sub-para (ii) above.
- (iv) According to section 114 of the Punjab Tenancy Act as inserted by Act No. VII of 1952, rights of landowners become extinct if the occupancy tenants pay them no rent beyond land revenue and cesses. This being so, in the case of evacuee land, areas of this type where a Muslim landlord used to get no rent from his outgoing evacuee tenant, such land may be used for allotment under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.
- (v) As in the preceding sub-para. the land held by Muslim Ala Maliks getting no rent from their outgoing evacuee Adna Maliks should be utilized for allotment under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.
- (vi) Where the outgoing evacuee Adna Malik used to pay some rent to his Ala Malik, and the refugee claimant is prepared to accept the same position under the Muslim Ala Malik, the Adna Malkiat rights may be allotted under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme and the allottee may be given increase at the rate specified in sub-para. (ii) above.

No. 4811-R(L)

A copy is forwarded to each Commissioners of divisions/Additional Deputy Commissioners, in the Punjab, for information/information and guidance.

## APPENDIX X(i)

*Memorandum No. 6199-R(L), dated Lahore, the 10th August, 1953.*

*From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.*

*T—(1) All Deputy Commissioners, in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.*

*Subject—Recovery of rent from Muslim occupancy tenants of non-Muslim evacuee landlords.*

*Reference—Continuation of Punjab Government memorandum No. 4375-R(L), dated the 11th June 1953, on this subject.*

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

It has been further decided by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab, that the orders embodied in Punjab Government memorandum No. under reference should be enforced with effect from Kharif, 1953. The recoveries already made for previous harvest (but not the arrears) should, however, be exempted from the application of these orders.

*For the Deputy Commissioner, Shahpur only—This also disposes of his memorandum No. 881/S. O., dated the 22nd July, 1953.*

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No. 6200-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to—

(1) The Custodian of Evacuee Property, Punjab.

(2) The Rehabilitation Commissioner (General), Punjab.

(3) All Commissioners of divisions and Additional Deputy Commissioners, in the Punjab.

(4) The Tehsildars on Special Duty (Rent), Deputy Commissioner's Office, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan and Shahpur at Sargodha, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 4376-R(L), dated the 11th June, 1953.

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APPENDIX X (ii)

*Memorandum No. 4375-R(L), dated Lahore, the 11th June, 1953.*

*From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.*

*To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.*

*Subject—Supersession of para. 3 of Punjab Government letter No. 3590-R(L), dated 31st May, 1951.*

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Financial Commissioner Resettlement and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

It has now been decided by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab that the rent due in kind from the Muslim occupancy tenants of non-Muslim evacuee landlords should be assessed and recovered in cash in lieu of the produce rent, at the rate of six times the land revenue if the rate of batai is one half. It should, however, be recovered at the rate of five times the land revenue, if their rate of batai is two-fifth, at the rate of four times the land revenue if the rate of batai is one-third and at the rate of three times the land revenue if the rate of batai is less than one-third.

2. Please ensure that this order is complied with by all concerned.

*For the Deputy Commissioner, Rawalpindi only—This is in continuation of telegram No. 335-R(L), dated the 10th June, 1953, to his address.*

## No. 4376-R(L)

A copy is forwarded for information to:—

- (1) The Custodian Evacuee Property, Punjab.
- (2) The Rehabilitation Commissioner (General), Punjab.
- (3) All Commissioners of divisions and Additional Deputy Commissioners, in the Punjab.
- (4) The Tehsildars on Special Duty (Rent), Deputy Commissioner's Office, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan and Shahpur at Sar-godha, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 3591-R(L), dated 31st May 1951.

## APPENDIX XI

*Memorandum No. 5886-R(L), dated Lahore the 1st August 1953.*

*From*—Chaudhry Nabi Ahmad, P. C. S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Formation of district committees to look into missing files relating to allotments to refugees.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that several files relating to the allotment of land to refugees have been lost in district offices. To eradicate this evil a committee consisting of one refugee M. L. A. and one local M. L. A. as members with Deputy Commissioner/Colonization Officer as Chairman, should be set up at once in each district/Colony. The function of the members will be intimated to the Chairman cases in which the files are missing and it will be then for the Deputy Commissioner to have these files located and also to affix responsibility on the officials concerned who will be adequately punished.

2. Compliance of these orders together with the names of the members appointed to the district/Colony Committee should be intimated to Government within fifteen days.

## No. 5887-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to each Commissioner of division in the Punjab.

## APPENDIX XII

*Memorandum No. 7508-R(L), dated Lahore, the 23rd September 1953*

*From*—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation settlement of refugees on land-Inheritance of deceased refugee right-holders thereunder.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 132-R(L), dated the 8th January 1953.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

A question has arisen whether the word "grand-daughters" in the reference cited above is restricted to the daughters of the sons only or whether it includes the daughters of the daughters as well. In this connection it is explained that "grand-daughters" include the daughters of both the sons as well as daughters of the original refugee owner.

*To the Deputy Commissioner, Montgomery only*—This disposes of your memorandum No. 437/G/DAC/H. C. (S), dated the 7th August 1953.

*No. 7509-R(L).*

A copy is forwarded to each (1) Commissioner of division, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner, in the Punjab, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 133-R-L, dated the 8th January 1953, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

## APPENDIX XIII

*Memorandum No. 7378-R(L), Lahore, dated the 8th September, 1953*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P. C. S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali; (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Plantation of trees on the land allotted thereunder.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

It has been brought to the notice of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) refugees are not being allowed to grow trees on the lands allotted to them under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has directed that there should be no objection to the plantation of trees on such lands and as a matter of fact it should be encouraged.

*No. 7379-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded to each (1) Commissioner of division, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

*No. 7380-R(L)*

A copy is forwarded to the Director of Public Relations, Punjab, Lahore, for favour of wide publicity.

## APPENDIX XIV

*Memorandum No. 8009-R(L) Financial Commissioners' Office, dated Lahore—the October, 1953.*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P. C. S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Resettlement and Colonies Secretary to the Financial Commissioners, Punjab.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali; (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Allotment of land thereunder.

*Reference*—In continuation of the office circular memorandum No. 9033-R(L), dated the 20th November, 1951.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

A question has arisen whether Government servants, allowance holders and local owners can be treated at par with the sitting allottees where it is proposed to enforce the principle of rateable distribution. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has decided that Government servants and local owners of the chak/estate or adjoining chak/estate should be considered of the same status as sitting allottees if:—

(a) in the case of Government servants, their near relatives are settled in the chak/estate;

(b) local owners and Government servants had originally registered claims for the chak/estate.

However, the revision where necessary in accordance with the above decision should be made as with little disturbance of existing allotments as possible.

No. 8010-R(L)

A copy is forwarded to each (1) Commissioner of Division (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner in the Punjab, for (1) information (2) information and guidance.

#### APPENDIX XV

*Memorandum No. 8716-R(L), dated Lahore, the 26th October, 1953.*

*From*—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; 2. The Thal Development Officer, Minawali; (3) The Colonization Officer Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Compensation to refugee trust thereunder.

*Reference*—In continuation of Punjab Government circular memorandum No. 363-R(L), dated the 15th January 1952.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P. Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has ordered that allotments made to refugee Managers of Trusts in accordance with the instructions contained in Punjab Government circular memorandum under reference should be made up to a maximum of 1,000 produce indices only.

2. The claims above 1,000 produce index units should be ignored except in deserving cases, e.g., educational trusts or Trusts for specific purposes which can be justified anywhere etc., which should be referred to the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) for orders stating the original conditions of the Trust, the purpose for which it is being utilized or propose to be utilized, and the total claim in produce index units.

3. The existing allotments made in accordance with the Punjab Government circular memorandum under reference should be revised accordingly.

No. 8717-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, to each (1) Commissioner of division; (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and necessary action.

No. 8718-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to Officer on Special Duty (Central Record Room), Financial Commissioners' Office, Punjab, Lahore.

#### APPENDIX XVI

*Memorandum No. 8557-R(L), dated Lahore, the 21st October, 1953*

*From*—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P. C. S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab; (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali; (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan; (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject*—Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme—Determination of the status of "Pattedars" thereunder.

*Akhtar Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P. Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has considered whether claims based on the entries recorded as "Pattedars" in the revenue records

received from India should be entertained and the claimants compensated in lieu of such rights on the analogy of "Dowami Patte Dars" who have been accorded the status of occupancy tenants under sections 6 and of the Punjab Tenancy Act. As Government have not recognised these leases (پتہ) the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has accordingly ordered that 'Padttedars' cannot be treated as analogous to "Dowami Pattedars" and will not be entitled to any allotment of evacuee land under the scheme in lieu of these rights.

*To the Deputy Commissioner, Multan only*—This disposes of your memorandum No. 5504-S, dated 9th September, 1953.

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No. 8558-R(L)

A copy is forwarded to each:

- (1) Commissioner of Division (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

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APPENDIX XVII

*Memorandum No. 8932-R(L),) dated Lahore, the 31st October 1953*

*From*—S. A Latif, Esquire P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Under Secretary to Government, Punjab Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—The Commissioner, Lahore Division, Lahore.

*Subject*—Inheritance of deceased refugee right-holders.

*Reference*—Your memorandum No. 505/15/3218, dated the 15th September 1953.

*Akhetr Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) Punjab.*

According to paragraph 46 of Chapter I, Part II of the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme, cases of inheritance are to be decided according to Shariat Law and not according to the provincial Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Act, 1948, which is a provincial legislation and does not cover cases of succession of deceased right holders relating to property abandoned by them and still held in their names in India. The provision in Section 5 of the Shariat Act that it will have no retrospective operation is, therefore, not applicable to such cases. There is thus no legal conflict and, as such, the cases of the type in question should be decided in accordance with the instructions embodied in the Scheme framed by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) under Section 7(e) of the Pakistan Rehabilitation Ordinance 1948.

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No. 8933-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to the Deputy Commissioner Lahore, Sialkot, Gujranwala and Sheikhupura, with reference to endorsement No. 505/15/4040, dated the 15th September 1953, from the Commissioner, Lahore division, to their addresses.

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No. 8934-R(L).

A copy is forwarded to—

- (1) Commissioners, Rawalpindi and Multan Divisions, for information;
- (2) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, except Deputy Commissioners, Lahore, Sialkot, Gujranwala and Sheikhupura districts, for information;
- (3) All Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for information and guidance.

## APPENDIX XVIII

*Memorandum No. 9448-R(L), dated Lahore, the 13th November 1953*

*From—* S. A. Latif, Esquire, P. C. S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To—* (1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab. (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali. (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan. (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject—* Rehabilitation settlement of refugees on land—Inheritance of deceased refugee right holders.

*Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C. S. P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

It has been brought to the notice of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) that rights of deceased right holders are conferred upon their successors without proper inquiry and often certain persons are included who are neither claimants in an estate nor reside normally in those estates. Such persons, although they might be the successors, are invariably claimants in other estates for the same property and in this manner different successors of the same deceased right holders succeed in securing allotments in entirely on verified *fard haqiats* in more than the one estate. In this connection your attention is invited to the detailed instructions contained in Punjab Government Circular memorandum No. 3705-R(L), dated 2nd June 1953, which should be complied with carefully.

2. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has further directed that if and when allotments are made to successors they should receive land to the extent of their respective shares in the inheritance only.

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No. 9449-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, to each (1) Commissioner, of division (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner, in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

## APPENDIX XIX

*Memorandum No. 9060-R(L), dated Lahore, the 3rd November 1953*

*From—* S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To—* (1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

*Subject—* Recovery of rent under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme  
*Reference—* Punjab Government endoresement No. 4745-R(L), dated 26th June, 1953.

Complaints are being received in large numbers that the field staff are compelling sitting tenants of evacuee land to pay rent to their allottee landlords under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme at rates higher than those prescribed. According to Punjab Government notification Nos. 4560/4652-R(L), dated the 24th June, 1953, a tenant of evacuee land is liable to pay rent to his allottee landlord under the Scheme in accordance with the rates of batai prevailing for similar land in the locality in which the land is situated but not exceeding 50 per cent of the produce for the areas reservable for *khud-kasht* and not exceeding 40 per cent of the produce for all other areas. Please impress upon all concerned that these rates of batai are still in force and that in case of disputes over batai, they should in no case deviate from the prescribed policy as explained above.



No. 9061-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, for information, to all Commissioners of Divisions and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 4745-R(L), dated 26th June, 1953.

For the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Lahore only—Two applications from certain residents of villages Bhangali and Fatehjang, etc., of the Lahore district on this subject are enclosed for necessary action.

#### APPENDIX XX

Memorandum No. 8976-R(L), dated Lahore, the 2nd November 1953

From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Recovery of rent under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.

Reference—Continuation of Punjab Government memorandum No. 4380-R(L), dated the 14th June, 1953, on this subject.

Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

It has come to notice that difficulties are still being experienced in the matter of recovery of rent from the sitting tenants of evacuee land allotted to the refugees under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme. Government are very keen that the sitting tenants do pay the prescribed rent to their allottee landlords under the Scheme and it has, therefore, been decided that in the event of their failure to do so, prompt action to eject them should be taken under section 8(2)(b) of the Pakistan Rehabilitation Ordinance, 1948, read with clause 19 of Chapter III of the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.

2. This decision should please be given wide publicity. The revenue officers and the subordinate revenue field staff should be held responsible to make this decision known to all the sitting tenants on evacuee land allotted under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme. A progress report showing the number of tenants ejected on the grounds of non-payment of rent should be submitted to Government by the 5th of each month regularly.

No. 8977-R(L).

A copy is forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab, for information, in continuation of Punjab Government endorsement No. 4381-R(L), dated the 15th June, 1953.

#### APPENDIX XXI

Memorandum No. 9842-R(L), dated Lahore, the 24th November 1953

From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to the Financial Commissioner, Resettlement and Colonies, Punjab.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Rehabilitation settlement of refugees in land.

H. A. Majid, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

It has been brought to the notice of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) that the rehabilitation authorities including the Tahsil Officers do not sign their full names legibly or properly date papers, registers,

etc., pertaining to resettlement operations. This omission makes the decision of certain issues a difficult proposition, particularly in cases where the date of the finalization of an allotment is the determining factor. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has, therefore, ordered that all concerned should be directed to sign their full names in a legible manner and append the complete date, *i.e.*, day, month and year to their signatures.

2. These instructions should be brought to the notice of all concerned for careful compliance.

No. 9843-R(L)

A copy is forwarded, to each (1) Commissioner of Divisions, (2) Additional Deputy Commissioner, in the Punjab, for (1) information, (2) information and guidance.

#### APPENDIX XXII

Memorandum No. 9146-R(L), dated Lahore, the 6th November, 1953

From—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Revision of allotment.

Akhter Hussain, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

It has been observed by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), that disputes generally arise in respect of the produce of land, the allotment which has been subject to revision. This is due to the fact that, by accident or design, confusion exists in respect of the title to the land during the time it takes to obtain sanction of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), where this is necessary, and to put the proposed revision into effect. To obviate any confusion in this respect and the consequent difficulties in the sharing of produce, the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) is pleased to order that, in all cases where the revision of allotment is necessary the *status quo* of the original allottee must be maintained until the date on which the proposed revision is finalized.

2. These instructions should be brought to the notice of all field staff for careful compliance.

No. 9147-R(L)

(1) All Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab;

(2) All Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for information.

No. 9148-R(L)

A copy is forwarded to the Director, Public Relation, Punjab, Lahore, for wide publicity.

#### APPENDIX XXIII

Memo. No. 10237 R (L), dated the 5th December 1953

From—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Revision of allotments.

Reference—In continuation of memorandum No. 9146-R(L), dated the 6th November, 1953.

H. A. Majid, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

Apart from the disputes arising in respect of the produce of land, the allotment of which has been subject to revision, certain confusion also prevails in respect of the various implications of the orders of revisions passed

by the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land). The following instructions are, therefore, issued by Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) in amplification of those conveyed in the memorandum referred to above:—

- (a) in case where under orders of the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) the allotments in any particular estates have to be subjected to a complete revision, all existing allotments under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme should be considered to have been cancelled with effect from the date of the order. The land in question will then revert to the possession of temporary allottees, who should pay rent at rates and in the manner prescribed for temporary allotments pending the re-allotment of this land under the Scheme,
- (b) where a certain number or class of allotments only have been permitted to be revised, the effect of the revision will be the cancellation of such allotments and the restoration of temporary allotments originally held in such cases. The temporary allottees in such cases will similarly pay rent in the manner prescribed, and their possession will not be disturbed till the land is re-allotted under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme,
- (c) the cases where neither the entire allotments have been cancelled nor have any particular cases been specified, the order if any passed by Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) will only imply the according of permission for the submission of detailed proposals of revision. Detailed instructions for submitting such proposals have already been conveyed in our memorandum No. 10167-R(L), dated the 3rd December 1953. In all such cases, the status of the original allottees under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme must be maintained until the date on which the proposed revision is finalized.

No. 10238-R(L)

Copies are forwarded to the—

- (1) All Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab;
- (2) All Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, for information in continuation of the Punjab Government endorsement No. 9147-R(L), dated the 6th November 1953.

#### APPENDIX XXIV

Memorandum No. 10167-R(L), dated Lahore, the 3rd December 1953

From—Ch. Nabi Ahmad, P.C.S., Additional Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali, (3) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (4) The Extra Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan.

Subject—Revision of allotments finalized under the Rehabilitation Resettlement Scheme.

H. A. Majid, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

Under the existing policy a Deputy or Assistant Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) is not competent to review an order passed by his predecessor and it is accordingly necessary for local officers to refer such cases to Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) for revision in accordance with the provisions of subsection 4 of section 13 of the Pakistan Rehabilitation Ordinance, 1948. The requirements of this subsection are very exacting and require *inter alia* that the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) shall, after giving any person affected by such revision an opportunity to be heard, pass such orders in relation thereto as he considers fit.

2. In the majority of cases referred by the local officers to Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) for revision, little or no details of the facts

necessitating revision are furnished while the precise manner in which the revision is to be effected is never stated. This course is objectionable under the law referred to above and the Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) has accordingly ordered that, with immediate effect, all cases necessitating any revision of allotments should be sent to him with self-contained reports explaining the following particulars:—

- (1) Full name and address of the party/parties concerned.
- (2) Precise reasons for revisions.
- (3) Whether the party/parties concerned have been heard by the local rehabilitation authority. If so, their points of view should be fully detailed.
- (4) Detailed report. *i.e.*, containing field numbers etc., such changes as it is proposed to make in order to effect the necessary revision.

All requests received from local officers which do not follow the above instructions will be returned for resubmission.

No. 10168-R(L)

Copies are forwarded for information to:—

- (1) All Commissioners of Divisions.
- (2) All Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.

#### APPENDIX XXV

*Memorandum No. 11077-R(L), dated Lahore, the 26th December 1953.*

*From*—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

*To*—(1) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (3) The Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan, (4) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.

*Subject*—Issue of certificates in lieu of *fard haqiat* and allotment of land to claimants under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.

*Reference*—Continuation of Punjab Government Circular memorandum No. 1327-R(L), dated the 19th February 1953.

*H. A. Majid, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.*

It has been complained that several jamabandis of refugee right-holders have not been received from India and that certificates have not been issued in respect of many claims registered before October, 1951, concerning those jamabandis. No land has been reserved for such refugees and sometimes their temporary allotments have also been cancelled. The Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab, has, therefore, ordered that:—

- (i) certificates should be issued by the Central Record Room in respect of such claim forms as were registered before October, 1951, and cannot be immediately verified for lack of special jamabandis;
- (ii) area should be allotted on the basis of such certificates in accordance with the instructions contained in the circular memorandum under reference; and
- (iii) temporary allotments in the names of such refugee owners should not be cancelled or allotted to others till the final verification of their claim forms (on receipt of their jamabandis from India) has been done.

The above instructions should, therefore, be strictly followed while making allotments under the Rehabilitation Settlement Scheme.

No. 11078-R (L).

A copy is forwarded to the Officer on Special Duty (Central Record Room), Lahore, for immediate necessary action so far as the issue of certificates is concerned (item 1 above.)

No. 11097-R(L)

Copies are forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab, for information.

#### APPENDIX XXIV

Memorandum No. 11075-R(L), dated Lahore, the 26th December 1953

From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Deputy Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land) and Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (3) The Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan, and (4) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.

Subject—Objections to *afard-i-haqiat*.

H. A. Majid, Esquire, C.S.P., Rehabilitation Commissioner (Land), Punjab.

It has been complained that no record is being maintained by the Revenue Officers of the objections lodged by claimants against *afard-i-haqiat* and no receipts are being issued to the claimants with the result that thousands of objections have been lost and the refugees are being made to trace them out with no result. The Rehabilitation Commissioners concerned should maintain a complete record of all objections lodged against *afard-i-haqiat* and furnish the claimants with regular receipts for the objections presented to them.

No. 11076-R(L)

Copies are forwarded to (1) all Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab, (2) the Officer on Special Duty (Central Record Room), Lahore, for information.

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#### APPENDIX XXVII

Memorandum No. 10696-R(L), dated Lahore, the 16th December 1953

From—S. A. Latif, Esquire, P.C.S., Under-Secretary to Government, Punjab, Resettlement and Colonies Department.

To—(1) All Deputy Commissioners and Additional Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab, (2) The Colonization Officer, Nili Bar Colony, Pakpattan, (3) The Assistant Colonization Officer, Haveli Project, Multan, (4) The Thal Development Officer, Mianwali.

Subject—Exchange of complete *Shajra Nasabs*.

It has been agreed between the Punjab (India) and the Punjab (Pakistan) Governments that complete *Shajra Nasabs* going up to five or six degrees in respect of evacuee right-holders of both the sides, irrespective of the fact whether their *jamabandis* have already been exchanged or not, should be exchanged on reciprocal basis. You are, therefore, requested to take immediate steps for the preparation of copies of *Shajra Nasabs* going up to five or six degrees in respect of the non-Muslim evacuee right-holders of all the villages and to submit the same direct to the Officer-in-Charge, Central Record Room, Lahore, who will arrange the exchange of this record.

No. 10697-R(L)

Copies are forwarded to the—

(1) All Commissioners of Divisions in the Punjab;

(2) Director of Land Records, Punjab, and

(3) Officer-in-Charge, Central Record Room, Lahore,

(Nos. 1 and 2) for information, and (No. 3) for necessary action.

