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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Letter (Ms) No.2112/P.W/dated 15.11.79.

Public Works Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras-9

From

Thiru B. Vijayaraghavan, I.A.S.,  
Commissioner and Secretary to Government.

To:

The Collector,  
Salem District,  
Salem.,

Sir,

Sub: Buildings - Public auction for conducting stalls and Canteen in the Salem Collectorate compound - Permission of PWD authority - Not obtained - Loss of Revenue to Government - Instructions - Issued.

- Ref: 1. From the Executive Engineer, PWD Salem, letter No.2257/76/AB-A2/ dated 1.8.77.  
2. From the Chief Engineer (Buildings), letter No.Wks.II(8)/115702/77-2, dated 5.1.78.  
3. Your office letter No.28273/76(H1), dt 23.1.78.

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According to para 275 of the Public Works Department Code, whenever a Government building is leased to non-Government Institutions/persons rent at market rate should be collected. This has been further clarified in para 4 of the G.O.Ms.No. 1508, P.W., dated 22.8.79. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that you have objected to the lease in Public Auction of the buildings in the compound of the Salem Collectorate occupied for commercial purposes by one Thiru Mohan Raj, one Yogi and the President of the N.G.G.O.s Union.

2. Though the collectorate is under your administrative control, the building and the land appurtenant to it, are maintained by the Chief Engineer (Buildings) and hence under para 275 of P.W.D.Code, the Chief Engineer (Buildings) is competent to lease in public auction the buildings occupied by Co-operative canteens/private persons and the lease rent should be credited to the Public Works Account only. Just because the Collectors/Heads of Departments happen to occupy the buildings, it does not confer powers to the occupying Departments to collect lease rent by leasing the buildings in public auction or by private negotiation.

3. In respect of Salem Collectorate buildings, the Chief Engineer (Buildings) is requested to regularise the lease of the three persons viz., one Mohan Raj, one Thiru Swamy Madavananda Yogi and the N.G.G.O Union upto 31.12.79 and after expiry of the lease period, to lease the buildings in public auction.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/ - . . . . .

for Commissioner and Secretary to Government

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*J. J. R. Mohan Raj*  
Superintendent. 15/12/79

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