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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Field Visit on Health and safety hazard by Empty Plots in Pondicherry District

As scheduled, Hon'ble Lt Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi along with District Collector, Thiru. Satyendra Singh Dursawat, Commissioners of Municipalities, and Regional Superintendent of Police and other line field officers visited Krishna Nagar and Ezhil Nagar in the city today morning and observed the following

## Observations.

- 1. Lot of empty plots were found unattended by the owners.
- 2. Plot owners failed to upkeep the vacant plots and properties appurtenant thereto despite the public notice of the District Collector.
- 3. It resulted in accumulation solid wastes, stagnation of water, drainage blockage, etc and it becomes a nesting ground for snakes, insects, etc.
- 4. The local residents are put to hardship because of the accumulation of waste/stagnation of water. Not only do they face health hazard but also resulting in putting them under mental stress.
- 5. The monsoon season aggravates the situation further

## Solutions.

- 1. Joint action to be taken in coordination by Revenue, Municipal and Police Officers.
- 2. Notice U/s 133 CrPC has to be issued by Collector to caution all the concerned about their responsibility to clean and maintain their hard earned plots/Properties which causes health hazard and safety issues including dengue, etc.
- 3. If the notice U/s 133 CrPC is not complied with, then it automatically attracts offence of violation U/s 188 IPC.
- 4. Police will initiate suo-moto action and register case U/s 188 IPC.

- 5. District Collector will take action to withhold GLR value, etc on the said violators of the properties and give direction to concerned municipality or commune to clean the unmaintained properties.
- 6. The expenditure will be collected from the defaulters added with fine for delay as per rule.
- 7. Every Friday, Collector will hold an joint action field visit with respective Commissioners and SP supported by their field staffs and prepare minutes marking copy to concerned Secretary/Minister Incharge.
- 8. Krishna Nagar, Rainbow Nagar and Ezhil Nagar areas were identified as the mostly affected area.
- 9. It needs to be given attention by preparing Long Term and Short Term Plan to safeguard the areas.
- 10. Chief Engineer PWD, will draw out an Engineering plan to address the water stagnation in the drainage canal. He will pay special attention to de-silt the drainage canal near Ginger Hotel as it is the cause for stagnation/inundation