CHAPTER – 3, DELEGATION OF POWERS

The following powers have been delegated to the officers of the Land & Development Office by the Government of India:-

1. ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND AUTHENTICATION OF ORDERS ETC.

- (a) The Land & Development Officer has been delegated powers in Administrative and Financial matters as contained in Ministry of works, Housing & Supply's letter:-
- i) L-27(10)/59 dt. 16.7.1960
- ii) L-II-15(3)/60 dt. 4.1.1961
- iii) L-II-15(1)/60 dt. Aug., 1960
- (b) Land & Development Officer and Deputy Land & Development Officer/Assistant Settlement Commissioner, have been granted the powers of signing and verification of plaints and written statements in suits, in courts of civil jurisdiction by or against the Central Government, vide Ministry of Law (Deptt. Of Legal Affairs) Notification No. S.R.O. 351, dated 25.11.1958 as amended vide Notification No. F-16(1)/61 dt. 4.2.64.
- (c) The Land & Development Officer, Deputy Land & Development Officer, Assistant Settlement Commissioner, Vigilance-cum-Legal Officer and Assistant Engineers have been delegated powers to execute.
- i) all contracts and assurances of property relating to matters falling within the jurisdiction of Land & Development Officer;
- ii) all contracts, deeds or other instruments relating to or for the purpose of enforcement of the terms and conditions of the sale/lease deeds of the Government Built Property in Delhi/New Delhi;
- iii) auctioneering agreements, bonds of auctioneersand security bonds for the due performance of work by the auctioneers; F. 17(1)/64 dt. 1.2.1966 read with F.17(3)/94-Judicial, dt. 6.1.1995.
- (d) Land & Development Officer, Deputy Land & Development Officer and the Assistant Settlement Commissioner/have been authorised to authenticate orders and other instruments made and executed in the name of the President vide Ministry of Home Affairs' Notification No. S.O. 2297 dated 3.11.1958 as amended vide Notification No. 3/5/66-Pub. I dated 2.8.1966.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF NAZUL LANDS IN DELHI

- (a) Acceptance of bids at auctions for various purposes, temporary allotment of land and approval of construction plans: The Powers delegated to the Land & Development Officer; Deputy Land & Development Officer/Assistant Settlement Commissioner in this regard are contained in Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply letter No. 27/9/64-L dated 24.2.1966 and 30.8.1966.
- (b) Permitted temporary change of purpose from residence to office: The powers delegated to Land & Development Officer in this behalf are contained in Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply letter No. 27.9.64-L dated 24.2.1966.
- (c) Condonation of breaches of misuse and unauthorised constructions: The powers delegated to Land & Development Officer in this behalf are contained in Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply letters No.
- i) L-7/4/61 dated 30.6.1961 as modified vide letter No. L-
- 27(2)/66 dated 31.1.1967 and No. 7/4/61-L dt. 30.5.1967;
- ii) L-7(4)/61 dated 7.11.1962; and
- iii) U.O. No. 23/3/64-L dated 15.7.1964 (L&D Office Order No. Co-ord. (13) dt. 20.8.1964) as modified vide letter No. 7/7/65-L dt. 1.8.1966.
- (d) Final disposal of cases.

Full powers have been delegated to the Land & Development Officer to deal with the cases mentioned in para 2 of Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply letter No. 27/5/64 dated 27.4.65 without referring them to the Ministry of Finance.

- (e) Extension of time for completion of construction on leased land. Powers have been delegated to the Land & Development Officer to grant extension of time for completion of construction for one year at a time, without recovery of any penalty, subject to the conditions mentioned in item 1 of Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply letter No. 12/2/65-L dated 4.2.1966.
- (f) Adjustment of excess/deficient area. Powers have been delegated to the Land & Development Officer to make adjustments in the area allotted to a party provided such adjustment does not involve increase or decrease in the area beyond 5 % of the area mentioned in the allotment letter or half acre, whichever is less. [Office order No. 165, dated 13.10.1965]

3. POWERS DELEGATED TO BRANCH OFFICERS/MANAGING OFFICERS/SUPERINTENDENT

- (a) The powers delegated to the Branch Officers are contained in office order No.
- i) Admn. 1(184)/63 dt. 25.2.1964
- ii) Admn. 2(158)/61 dt. 26.7.1965
- iii) Admn. 1(156)/65 dt. 29.12.1965
- (b) MANAGING OFFICERS/ SUPERINTENDENTS OF LEASE SECTIONS:

The powers delegated to Managing Officers/ Superintendents are contained in office order No. Admn. 1(184)/63 dt. 16.9.1965.

(c) SUPERINTENDENT ADMINISTRATION SECTION:

The powers delegated to Superintendent, Administration Section are contained in office order No.:

- i) Admn. 1(184)/63 dt. 16.9.1965
- ii) Admn. 1(184)/63 dt. 8.10.1965
- iii) Admn. 1(184)/66 dt. 26.4.1966
- (d) SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNTS SECTION:

In addition to the exercise of relevant powers contained in office order No. Admn. 1(184)/63 dt. 16.9.1965, the Superintendent, Accounts Section shall exercise the powers delegated to him by the office order No. Admn. 1(184)/66 dt. 10.10.66.