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Sub: Land acquisition for various public purposes.

Land acquisition proposals for land reserved for various public purposes are initiated by MCGM as per the provisions of LARR Act 2013. The Chapter IV of LARR Act 2013 deals with Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the project affected persons due to land under acquisition. The section 16 of the said Act stipulates that the Administrator for Rehabilitation and Resettlement shall conduct the survey and undertake a census of affected families, prepare draft Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme and shall publish the summary of the said scheme as per section 18 of LARR Act 2013. Further, the Rehabilitation and Resettlement award shall be declared as per section 31 of LARR Act 2013. The Collector is responsible for ensuring that Rehabilitation and Resettlement process is completed in all respects. On completion of the same, it is expected that land acquisition officer shall hand over the vacant land free of all encumbrances to acquiring body, so as to develop the reservations on acquired lands for its intended purpose.

Earlier in some of the cases applied for acquisition to Collector, the undertaking has been given stating that the land will be taken over on "as is where is basis " & the responsibility of Rehabilitation and Resettlement has been taken over by MCGM. However, this undertaking is contrary to legal provision of LARR Act 2013. Hence, Collector shall be communicated to hand over vacant possession of such lands, by removing and/ or rehabilitating all right holders and the encumbrances.

In view of above, possession land shall be insisted free of all encumbrances to MCGM from the Land Acquisition Officer in all cases of the land acquisition. No advance deposit or payments towards award under LARR Act 2013 shall be made unless vacant and encumbrance free possession is assured by the Collector.

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