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**Subject: Removal of Encroachments, and implementation of provisions of Prevention of Ribbon Development Act, Svt, 2007 - regarding**

It has been observed that a large number of encroachments have come up on the land(s) acquired for construction of roads of Border Roads Organization and Public Works Department (R&B). More than 700 encroachments have been reported in acquired land of BRO which is an alarming number and indicates loss to state exchequer worth billions of rupees which warrant penal action.

This office has made several communications to concerned officers for demarcation of land and removal of encroachments in a time bound manner however the field officials of Revenue, Magistrate and Police have frequently reported that departments especially the Border Roads Organization is/are not forthcoming for removal of encroachments and even identification of encroachments on acquired land, which stands communicated by this office from time to time.

A number of communication addressed to Deputy Commissioner are received from executing agencies asking for "removal of encroachments" and even reimbursement of among so required for restoration roads. Such communications in some recent instances have been returned with clarification. This reflects either lack of knowledge about legal provision or a deliberate attempt to escape responsibility. In view of such large number of encroachments and failure of officers to remove encroachments, rather attempting to escape responsibility by circumventing the procedure laid down under law, this collectorate has decided to initiate proceedings against such officials / officers who have failed to deliver their duty in safeguarding their acquired land which amounts to huge loss to state exchequer. Before filing an FIR in the matter for investigation all the Tehsildars are directed to furnish reports indicating encroachments on acquired land of roads in their respective jurisdiction.

Therefore, it is impressed upon the road owning / executing agencies to strictly observe the following provisions in letter and spirit to remove the encroachments allowed over a period of time on acquired land:-

A) Border Roads Organization

SRO 44 of 2001 Dated 24.01.2001, Public Works Department

" In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (ii) of section 2 of the Prevention of Ribbon Development Act , Svt., 2007, the Government hereby authorize Commanding Officer 13 BRTF and Commanding Officer 31 BRTF , Project Sampark, Border Roads Organization (Government of India) to perform the functions

