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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Duress No. 4-13-98

No. 2(195)150/77

- 1. Secretary,
Labour Development Authority,
Calcutta.
- 2. Secretary,
URBAM Improvement Trust,
(All)

Subj: Allotment of land to News Papers.

In pursuance of the departmental order No. 2(195)150/77 Part dated 19.11.53, I am directed to say that the land to be allotted on the following terms & conditions:

(1) Size of Plot to be allotted:

Category	Area
(a) State level News papers and National level papers published from within the State of West Bengal.	1000
(b) Divisional level papers published from within the State.	2000
(c) District level papers published from within the State.	

The above mentioned land shall be allotted to the State/District level newspapers and National level newspapers published in West Bengal.

(2) Date of allotment:

- (a) First allotment of land to be made on 50% of the total area of the State.
- (b) Second allotment of land to be made on the remaining 50% of the total area of the State.

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- (i) It will be made on the residential reserve price prevailing in that area.
- (ii) It will be made only to the State, District and Divisional Level newspapers.
- (iii) This allotment can be made only at the Divisional Head Quarters or at places in that division.
- (iv) This second allotment of land can be made only to those newspapers who have successfully completed 5 years of minimum publication of the newspapers. This allotment will be made only after submission of a certificate obtained from the Director of Information and Public Relations.
- (v) For the additional land if any to this land, allotment will be made as per the order of State Government.

(c) Third and subsequent allotments will be made on double the residential reserve price prevailing in that area.

(3) Purpose of allotments:

Newspapers will be eligible for allotment of land for establishing their printing press, publication facilities etc. However, only those papers published from within the state will be considered for allotment if they have completed their five years period of working application to the State Government for allotment of land. The national level newspapers, if any, or any of some edition from within the State, that have completed their five years period on the date of making application of land allotment to the State Government.

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4. Mode of payment:

The cost of the land allotted to newspapers will be recovered in four equal annual instalments. Interest @ 15% per annum will be payable on the amount which is paid after 30 days of the receipt of notice for making the payments. But the possession of the land will be handed over only after the full payment has been made by the allotted newspapers.

Provided that if any allottee does not pay any subsequent instalment when it becomes due the allotment shall be cancelled after forfeiting 1/10th of the instalment amount deposited by him.

(5) Construction period:

If construction of the building is not completed within a period of 3 years from the date of handing over of the possession of the land, the allotment shall automatically stand cancelled. If at any time it is found that the newspaper has been closed, the land along with any structure raised on it would revert back to the urban local body. However, the allottee will be given 3 months time to remove his structure, if any, from the land.

(6) Revocation:

The land allotted shall be valid only for the purpose for which the allotment has been made and any violation of that would render the allotment automatically invalid and the land allotted shall revert back to the local authority concerned.

(7) This circular will come into force with effect from 1.4.1995.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]
S. PRASAD KUMAR
OFF. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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