

PRESENTATION REGARDING INTER PROVINCIAL
AGRICULTURAL WORK SHOP SHARING PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENTS' INITIATIVES AND BEST PRACTICES IN
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AGRICULTURE PASS BOOK


Agricultural Pass Books are issued under "Loan for Agricultural purpose Act 1973," by the Pakistan Post Offices. Its issue process is as under :-

The landlords after obtaining Pass Books from the post office present the same before the Revenue Officer for incorporating the land holdings of the individual farmers. The Revenue Officer after getting report from the Patwari Halqa returns it to him. The same is produced in Zarri Tarqiati Bank Limited for getting loan. The ratio of court fee charged in shape of Stamp Paper is as under :-

- i) For the Land holding not exceeding 12.5 Acres Rs. 5
- ii) Land holding exceeding 12 Acres upto 50 Acres Rs. 10.
- iii) Land holding exceeding 50 Acres Rs. 20.

Pass Books are issued induplicate to the farmers and Revenue Officer is duty bound to return the same within one month duly completed. After observing codal formalities the Tehsil Agency retains red copy of the pass book whereas green copy of the Pass Book is delivered to the Farmer for obtaining loan from the Bank. The bank then issues loan certificates on the basis of which mortgage mutation is attested by the Revenue Officer without charging any fee.

PROPOSALS

- 1) To facilitate the farmers, it is suggested that instead of post offices all Zarri Tarqiati Bank Limited may be authorized to issue pass book and stamp papers.
- 2) In all 24 Districts of NWFP, Valuation table is maintained in which classification wise rates of area/land are mentioned. It is proposed that instead of assessing the land to be mortgaged on a (three years average) (), loans may be allowed on the basis of rates mentioned in valuation table

PLANS OF BOARD OF REVENUE, NWFP.

The duties/responsibilities of Revenue field staff including patwaris, Kanungos and Revenue Officers have been increased manifold in view their involvement in flood activities, Earth quack duties, Election duties, involvement in smooth supply of edible items during shortage. Moreover Lumberdari system has almost come to stand still and virtually the duty of Lumberdar like collection of government dues has also been entrusted to the patwaris. The Board of Revenue, NWFP has moved a summary to the Provincial Government for increase of 400 patwaris in addition to existing staff. In this way not only work load of patwaris would be decreased rather it would also help in addressing and facilitating farmer's community.

PROJECTS

In NWFP, computerization of Land Records has since been started in collaboration with the ST & IT in the year 2007. As a pilot project, District Peshawar has been chosen, where computerization of Land Records is in progress. It would ease the problems being faced by farmer's community pertaining to Revenue Department.