

Land Acquisition

Acquisition of land for the purpose of multifarious infrastructure development projects of constitutes an important function of KMDA. This is a significant activity in the context of large-scale township or area development projects. KMDA formulates and finalizes the LA Plans in accordance with the project proposals and submits the same to the Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal, which is the 'requiring body' in the context of Land Acquisition Act of 1894. Prior to formulation of LA plans, the Land Acquisition Cell of KMDA needs to carry out detailed survey of the land involved. If any resettlement is involved in acquisition of any land, the same needs to be identified as a part of project proposals. KMDA is responsible for making all payments to the State Government for acquisition of land, based on the amount of compensation determined by the LA Collector. KMDA has to comply with the formalities as called for under the operational rules pertaining to land acquisition prevailing at any point of time.

During 2009-10, the following works have been dealt with by the LA Cell of KMDA:

- (i) Preparation of acquisition map for Howrah Fish Market;
- (ii) Survey of surplus land of Kona Expressway, Howrah, including demarcation and allotment of land at Nibra (Julien Day School, Howrah Zilla Parishad);
- (iii) Preparation of acquisition Map for Howrah Water Works (Padmapukur Jala);
- (iv) Handing over possession of 3rd & 4th Phases of land in West Howrah to KWIC;
- (v) Preparation of Land Bank: It has been prepared on the basis of report collected from the Sector Offices;
- (vi) Demarcation of Pre-July 1978 structures in East Kolkata: Out of 60, demarcation of 9 plots have been completed;
- (vii) Demarcation of land in Nonadanga, Madurdaha & Laskarhat mouzas under EKAD Project on the basis of demarcation/identification of fixed points;
- (viii) Disposal of 406 applications under R.T.I. Act, 2005;
- (ix) Five LA proposals have been sent to the respective LA Collectors involving about 9.46 acres;

The process of acquisition/procurement of new land for the various projects of KMDA has been tardy in recent times.