

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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G.O. No. 72, P.H., 8th January 52.

Buildings - Construction of building by parties without permission from Executive Authorities - checking of - Responsibility of Town Planning and Building Staff and other outdoor staff of local bodies - orders issued.

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Order -- No. 72, Health dated 8th January 1952.

Instances have come to the notice of the Government where private parties have either constructed or reconstructed buildings without obtaining the required permission from the local bodies concerned or constructed or reconstructed them in contravention of the Building Rules. Such unauthorised constructions or reconstructions have led to protracted correspondence between the Government and the local bodies concerned as a result of parties petitioning to the Government or the Director of Town Planning give rise to difficult and delicate situations. The Government consider that such protracted correspondence or situations would not have arisen if the Town Planning and Building staff of local authorities have detected such construction or reconstruction in their initial stages and have taken steps to stop them. And even after such unauthorised construction or reconstruction has been detected and reported the Executive Authorities of Local bodies have been slow in taking action for the demolition of such unauthorised constructions or reconstructions. The result has been that many an unauthorised construction or reconstruction has come to stay.

2. The Government therefore, wish to impress on the Executive Authorities of Municipalities and other local bodies to whose areas the Town Planning Act and/or the building provisions of the Madras District Municipalities Act have been extended the supreme importance and the utter necessity of the Local Town Planning and Building staff to detect such constructions or reconstructions when they are commenced and take prompt steps for stopping them instead of allowing them to be proceeded with until they are completed, when demolition becomes ~~xxx~~ rather difficult. Even if such unauthorised constructions are, for some reason or other, completed, the Executive Authority concerned should take prompt action to get the construction or reconstruction demolished.

3. To this end, the Government direct all Executive Authorities of the concerned local bodies to issue necessary instructions to the Town Planning and Building staff in the matter. The latter should be definitely told that prompt detection of unauthorised construction or reconstruction is their sole responsibility and that evidence of any slackness on their part would be severely dealt with. The Executive Authorities are informed that they can make use of the services of the other outdoor staff also for this purpose and may issue suitable instructions to them to report cases of unauthorised construction or reconstruction noticed by them in the course of their rounds. They are also informed that whenever a case of unauthorised construction or reconstruction is reported to them by these staffs, they should take prompt action to stop further construction and to demolish the construction already made.

4. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is requested to bring the above orders to the notice of the panchayats to whose areas the Town Planning Act and/or the building provisions of the Madras District Municipalities Act have been extended or are proposed to be extended in future.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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