

CM orders probe into pvt agency role in managing Dharani portal

CM: Land Records Of T Farmers With Foreign Companies

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Hyderabad: Chief minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed officials to conduct a comprehensive probe into the role of a private agency managing Dharani portal.

He also directed the officials to make arrangements to solve the pending 2.45 lakh complaints and cases against Dharani portal in the first week of March itself.

At a review meeting with Dharani committee members and senior officials, the CM said the committee should ensure that discrepancies noticed in the existing Dharani system were not repeated. "The immediate focus should be on resolving the 2.45 lakh pending complaints and cases against Dharani portal," he said.

On the private agency being given Dharani management by BRS govt, CM asked officials to explain why this portal, which should have been

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- IL&FS Group subsidiary TerraCIS Technologies was managing Dharani portal
- Company was acquired by Philippines-based investment company Falcon SG Holding (Philippines)

- CM Revanth Reddy expresses concern over foreign companies having access to land records of lakhs of farmers in state

- CM asks Dharani panel to ensure discrepancies noticed in existing system are not repeated
- Directs officials to make arrangements to solve pending 2.5L complaints in first week of March



Rangareddy ZP chairperson Teegala Anitha (2nd from left) & ex-MLA Teegala Krishna Reddy (2nd from right) meet CM

PANEL SUGGESTS CHANGES

- Dharani committee says several loopholes in Record of Rights Act 2020
- Suggests amendment or new Act be brought to set land records right

en managed by previous government under CCLA, was handed over to the agency.

The CM expressed concern that land records of lakhs of farmers in the state were in the hands of foreign companies. "Land data, Aadhaar and bank account details of the state and farmers should have been a confidential affair but are vested with the private agencies," he said and wondered if the data of land records was safe in the hands of private agencies.

In the meeting, it was said

that a Philippines-based firm acquired TerraCIS Technologies Ltd, which was managing Dharani. IL&FS Group had reportedly sold its subsidiary TerraCIS Technologies to Makati, the Philippines-based investment company Falcon SG Holding (Philippines).

The CM said the company, which won the Dharani tender for ₹116 crore in 2018, sold its shares for ₹1,200 crore. "As all our records are with them, what is the guarantee that the names of the valuable lands

have not been changed? There were complaints that land registrations were done even in the middle of the night in some cases," he said.

The committee members suggested to Revanth that the Record of Rights Act 2020 had several loopholes and should either be amended or a new Act be brought to set right the land records. Also, they said problems arose due to the comprehensive land survey completed in haste in three months, based on which the land records were hosted on

Dharani. The members said there was no other option but to restructure and rectify deficiencies in Dharani portal.

At this, the CM said the govt will take a decision based on the final report to be submitted by the committee. "Based on the report, the govt will take steps to permanently set right the land records of all the farmers. The govt will examine whether to amend the RoR Act or bring in new legislation. The committee should further examine all the loopholes and deficiencies in Dharani and also suggest solutions to the problems," the CM said.

The deadline given to the officials to resolve the Dharani issues is being seen as a move to ensure that all the complaints by farmers against Dharani are attended to before an election schedule for Lok Sabha polls is announced, expected in the second week of March.

All arrangements will be made in mandal and tahsildar offices to solve each of the 2.45 lakh pending cases, the CM said. "Farmers should not face any problems with Dharani portal," he said.