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Verification Surveys

When alienated land has reverted to the State for failure to pay rent or to observe cultivation conditions of for some other reason, it is often re-alienated at a later date. When this happens, a re-survey is not necessary, if the original survey was satisfactory, and if the boundary marks are still in position. In such circumstances it has been the practice in some States for the Surveyor to be required to perambulate the boundaries with a compass and chain checking the boundary marks. In the others this work has been done by Settlement Officers or boundary Officers.

If as a result of such inspection it is evident that re-survey is unnecessary, the old certified plan is used as the basis for the new titles and there is no re-survey.

This field inspection is termed a verification survey.

2. As this work of checking is well within the powers of Settlement Officers, and as they are able to and normally should inspect the boundary marks, when reporting on the land in question, verification surveys by Survey Officers are usually unnecessary, and the extra expense and work for the unjustified.

Collectors should, therefore, in sending requisitions for survey make sure that their Settlement Officers have certified on them in the paragraph dealing boundaries whether or not the boundary marks are intact and their original position. If the boundary marks are intact and in their original position and if the original survey is satisfactory, the Chief Surveyor will then inform the Collector that no further survey is necessary and ask for the requisition to be discharged.

If the boundary marks are not in place or if the original survey is found to be unsatisfactory by modern standards, then a re-survey will be necessary and the Chief Surveyor will arrange for this.

The certificate might be in the following form -----

“ I have personally found all the marks intact and in the position shown on plan

3. It should be realized that although a fresh survey may be unnecessary, survey fees still have to be paid on re-alienation.

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