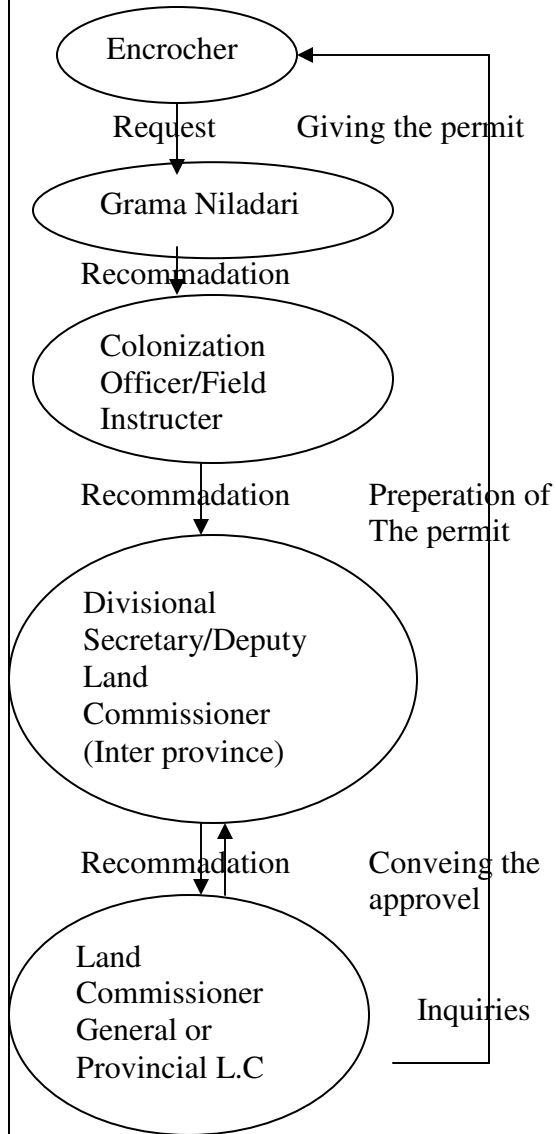


Leaflet 3

The officer who assist you in the Regulation of the lands



How do inquire on encroachments/Land disputes?

- ❖ Grama Niladari or field Instructor in the division you reside.
- ❖ Colonization officer/ Land officer or divisional secretary in the division you reside.
- ❖ Deputy/Assistant Land Commissioner if you reside in the inter provincial settlement scheme.

Let's gain the optimum utilization of lands through the correct land consumption and management.

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Are you encroaching a state Land?

- ❖ To encroach state lands in an offence.
- ❖ If the said land is reserved for future needs, the ownership of the same will not be given to you.
- ❖ The lands reserved for rivers channels, streams, roads reservation of the water sources demarketed state forest sanctuaries parks and reservoirs should be considered as the lands reserved for the public purposes.
- ❖ Such occasion the ownership of the same land can not be given to you and you have to quit the land concerned.
- ❖ In case either you or your family member does not own any land for residential purpose, you have to meet divisional secretary or Deputy Land commissioner (inter province) is the division you reside and ask for a portion of lands.
- ❖ Divisional Secretary will take prompt action to attend your request as the preference will be given to the people who do not belong any land neither occupation nor cultivation.

In case the land you encroach was not reserved for the public purpose

- ❖ You will be able to make a request for obtaining the ownership of the same land if you have enjoyed the land prior to 15-06-1995 and the same land would not be required for future needs.
- ❖ Such request could be made to divisional secretary or Deputy Land commissioner (inter-province) in the division you reside.

The requirements which you should fulfill in order to obtain the state land, encroached

- ❖ Encroacher should be Sri Lankan.
- ❖ Encroacher should be exceeded 18 years of age.
- ❖ You and your children should not own state land.
- ❖ In case a peasant class person whose annual income is less than Rs.72, 000 can obtain the land free of charge.
- ❖ Encroached land should be properly developed.
- ❖ If your annual income exceeds Rs.2,14,000 the undeveloped value of the land should be paid to the government.
- ❖ If your annual income exceeds Rs.2,14,000 you could obtain the land as lease of thirty years.

Procedure of selection for the giving ownership of the encroached land.

- ❖ As per your request or through a program of regularization of encroachment, implemented by divisional secretary or deputy land commissioner (Inter province)
- ❖ The Grama Niladari / Field Instructor will examine the land and prepare a report on the development of the land boundaries and the extent of the land and whether the suitability of the land to be alienated.
- ❖ Colonization officer/Land officer will examine the land and submit the recommendation.
- ❖ If you are eligible in every respect to being selected, the divisional secretary or deputy land commissioner (Inter province) will forward their recommendation to the Provincial Land Commissioner or Land commissioner general.
- ❖ After their approval was obtained, the divisional secretary will ensure you a permit.
- ❖ The permit holder should develop the land confining the conditions, contained in the said permit.
- ❖ The land, obtained on a permit should not be sold, transferred vested or mortgaged to your family member or outsider.
- ❖ In case you neglect the land development, Divisional Secretary/ Deputy Land Commissioner (Inter provincial) will be able to take legal actions in order to cancel the permit. The grant will be given to you if the land is developed as per condition of the permit.