F.No. 12/13/2014-Waqf
Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs
(Waqf Division)

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CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated the 15th March, 2018

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary
Minority Welfare and Waqf Department of
All State/UT Governments

Subject: Constitution of a Committee for review of the Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of order of even no. dated 7.3.2018 on
the subject mentioned above constituting the Committee for Review of Waqf Properties
Lease Rules 2014.

2. It is requested that the State Government and State Waqf Board may extend
necessary cooperation in its work, as and when required.

Yours faithfully,

(Nijamuddin)
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Copy to:

1. Chief Executive Officers of all State Waqf Boards.
2. Shri RS Saxena, Member Secretary of Committee (support-nawadco@gov.in).
3. Secretary, CWC (secycwc@wakf.gov.in)
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ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 56 of the Waqf Act 1995, the Central Government notified the Waqf Properties Lease Rules (WPLRs), 2014 on 5th June 2014. The Rules were further modified on 26.08.2015. Considering that the notified Rules have been in existence for more than 3 years, a need has been felt to review the implementation of these Rules, assess their impact on the ground and examine the challenges faced in their implementation. It has therefore been decided to constitute a Committee of eminent persons having expertise in the matter and enjoying public confidence to examine the issues involved and make suitable recommendations to the Government.

2. The Committee shall have the following composition:

   (1) Justice (Retd) Zakiullah Khan, Allahabad High Court : Convener
   (2) Advocate Syed Shahid Hussain Rizvi, Member, MAEF : Member
   (3) Advocate Shri T.O Naushad, Member, CWC : Member
   (4) Dr Anil Kumar Gupta, Director, NAWADO : Member
   (5) Shri RS Saxena, Sr. Advisor, NAWADCO : Member-Secretary

3. The Committee shall have the following Terms of Reference:

   (i) Review implementation of WPLRs in various States and analyze the outcomes vis a vis objectives of the WPLRs specially in terms of enhancement of income of State Waqf Boards (SWBs), greater realization of rental income from Waqf properties and the like.

   (ii) Critically examine the need for modifications if any, in the WPLRs, in the light of requests received from various SWBs and other stakeholders.

   (iii) Critically examine whether State specific dispensation can be given to SWBs directly managing Waqf properties in a legally sustainable way.

   (iv) Recommend specific changes that may be required in the existing WPLRs.

   (v) Examine any other issues relevant to the subject.

4. The Committee shall be required to consult all sections of Stake holders in order to gain insight into the challenges faced by them.

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5. A lump sum fee of Rs. 2000 per sitting or a maximum of Rs.1.50 lakh, whichever is less, will be paid to each non-official member. The members will be provided TA/DA and other logistical arrangements equivalent to Joint Secretary to the Government of India. Serving official members will be entitled to TA/DA as admissible to them. However, no sitting fee shall be paid to them.

6. Central Waqf Council shall provide necessary office space, secretarial and logistical assistance to the Committee. The expenses on travel, accommodation, meetings and other arrangements of the Committee shall be borne by the Central Waqf Council.

7. The Deputy Secretary, Waqf shall be the officer incharge for co-coordinating activities of the Committee at the Government level.

8. The Committee shall submit its report within three months of the issue of this order.

This issues with the approval of Hon’ble Minister (Minority Affairs).

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Copy also to:

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2. The Secretary, Central Waqf Council, Central Waqf Bhavan, P 13 & 14, Sector 6, Pushap Vihar, Opp. Family Court Saket, New Delhi 110017 (secywakf@gov.in)
3. The Secretary, Maulana Azad Education Foundation, Maulana Azad Campus, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi-110 055 (secy-maef@nic.in)

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