F.No. 12/4/2013-Wakf Government of India Ministry of Minority Affairs

> 11th Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 Dated: the 23 January, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Framing of the Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014.

The Wakf Act, 1995, has been amended and the Wakf (Amendment) Act, 2013 has come into force w.e.f. 1st November, 2013. Section 56 (1) of the amended Act i.e. the Waqf Act, 1995 confers powers upon the Central Government for making of Waqf Properties Lease Rules. Accordingly, a Committee was constituted in the Ministry consisting of the Members of Central Waqf Council (CWC). Based on the recommendations received from the Members of the Committee, a draft Waqf Properties Lease Rules have been framed and are enclosed.

- 2. The draft Rules have been prepared which will help to increase the income from the waqf properties. If these waqf properties are leased out at market value, substantial income may be generated which can be used for the benefit of the Community. In view of the above, the Ministry proposes to notify the new Lease Rules at the earliest.
- 3. It is requested that the comments on the draft Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014 may please be provided to this Ministry latest by 7th February, 2014.

Encl.: As above.

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- 10. Planning Commission,(Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, Secretary),Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 11. The Secretary, Central Waqf Council,
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 (This Draft Lease Rules may be circulated amongst the Members of the Lease Committee and all the Chairperson & CEOs of the State/UT Waqf Boards for getting their comments).

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