

Land is an important issue in sixth schedule area for several reasons. After the partition of the country large number of population were forced to leave the erstwhile East Pakistan and many of them got rehabilitation in the state. Tripura state, which was under “C” category State in India union for its backwardness, had to bear the burden of displaced population for historical reason. It has created tremendous pressure over limited cultivable area of this Hill state. The primitive economy of the tribal population based of juming collapsed with the shrinking of virgin forestland. Alienation of tribal land to advanced non-tribal people resulted alienation of tribal population from mainstream. The establishment of the TTAADC under the sixth schedule provision was one of the many steps to restore the balance and building confidence to the tribal people for assured future.

According to clause (a) of sub Para (1) of para 3 of the sixth schedule provision the Constitution of India, District Council is the sole authority for deciding the matters related to allotment, occupation or used or setting apart of land, other than any land which is a reserved Forest for the purpose of agriculture or grazing or for residential or other non-agricultural purposes or for any other purpose likely to promote the interest of the inhabitants of any village or town. The sixth schedule provision to the constitution of India empowered the TTAADC in matters of allotment of land then reserve forest land .

Where more than 73.06% area is Forestland in sixth schedule area the importance of land is quite obvious. In existing arrangement the District Administration of the State Government is the authority and responsible for allotment of land in sixth schedule area under TLR & LR Act and rules 1960. Since the District Council has not framed separate land act, it is following the state land Act and Rules. The District Council is concerned with Khas land, not with the land, the right, title and ownership of which belong to the individual or institutions or farms etc.

In order to exercise control over the allotment of Khas land within the sixth schedule areas, the District Council constituted TTAADC Land Allotment Committee for each Sub-Division. The District Administration of the State Government made allotment of Khas land in sixth schedule area, after obtaining the recommendation of these Committees and approval of the District Council Authority.

The Administrative set-up and its functionaries is shown below:-

1. Head of Department	:- Principal Officer (L.R.S)	<u>Ministerial staff.</u>
2. Asstt Survey Officer	:- 1 (one)	1. Head Clerk :- 1 (one)
3. Jr. Surveyor	:- 2 (two)	2. U.D.Clerk :- 1 (one)
4. Amin	:- 1 (one)	3. L.D.Clerk :-1 (one)
5. Chainman	:- 8 (eight)	4. Peon. :-2 (two)