I write to draw your attention to the monthly progress achieved by the Board of Revenue in April 2018. The Board of Revenue decided 599 cases in April 2018 as against 862 cases in March 2018. Total case-work end April 2018 stands at 63895 cases. As can be seen from the enclosed statements, the Chairman and each of the Members have conducted Court work for 20 days of the months. Despite the Board functioning in near continuum all through April 2018, our case disposal month on month basis has come down. The lesser disposal in April 2018 as compared to March 2018 is due to the number of Members of the Board of Revenue coming down from 16 to 10. The Board urgently requires 6 RAS member posts and 1 Advocate Member posts to be filled up. Even as I write this, one more vacancy has arisen due to transfer of a senior Member from the RHJS after only 12 months of deputation to the Board.

In April 2018, the Board of Revenue, sought to enhance the skill base of the subordinate courts by a series of 5 workshops. The Board of Revenue has conducted 5 workshops for improving the functioning of subordinate revenue courts of Rajasthan.

1. 2 workshops were held for Sub-Divisional Officers,
2. 2 workshops for Additional District Collectors,
3. 1 workshop for Revenue Appellate Authorities and Settlement Officer cum Revenue Appellate Authorities,
4. 1 workshop of Additional Divisional Commissioners.

In these workshops, the Board of Revenue invited a number of senior advocates including Shri Onkar Lal Dave ji, Shri Purna Shankar Dashora ji, Shri Hemant Sogani ji, Shri Gyareeshwar Badh dar ji, Shri J.P.Mathur ji and several others to present the salient features of various provisions of the Rajasthan Tenancy Act 1955, and the provisions of the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act 1956. I am happy to inform you that over 110 Senior Officials and 30 Senior Advocates participated in the deliberations. Some of the District Collectors have requested me to conduct a workshop of District Collectors in the coming days which we would convene soon.

The workshops with SDO’s had 4 listed agendas for discussion – Organization of Court Work, Important Judgments on Salient Provisions of Rajasthan Tenancy Act and Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, Interactions between Bench and the Bar, and Digitalization. The workshops with Additional District Collectors deliberated upon the provisions of Rajasthan Land Revenue Act with regard to land allotment rules and the provisions of appeal, revision and review. We also discussed the importance of the Bar and Bench relationship and the need for cordiality and courtesy in building a strong and sustainable relationship.

The Sub-Divisional Officer Court as a Trial Court is the most important Court at the cutting edge level. Efficiency and optimal performance of SDO Courts is vitally important for Improved Justice Delivery Systems in Revenue Courts. Rajasthan is currently at the zenith of our expansion with nearly 300 SDO Courts, one for every Tehsil. We are also facing very high
case-work with SDO’s of Alwar and Bharatpur having over 2500 cases. The highest number is with SDO Court Tijara with 5089 cases. Over 4.8 lac cases are pending in SDO Courts, an average case-load of 1600 cases/court. The 1st, 2nd and other 1st appellate courts have 1.8 lac of 1st appeals, and the Board of Revenue has 64000, 2nd appeals. There are 7.74 lac cases of Revenue litigation in Rajasthan, which are being handled by about 400 revenue courts from the SDO Court level.

I would also draw your attention to a significant worth reportable judgment of the Board of Revenue given in a double bench chaired by me, and Member Hon’ble Shri R.P.Sharma ji in April 2018 in defining the scope of review. A brief of the Worth Reportable Judgment is reproduced as follows:

**Better Defining the Scope of Review**

The Board of Revenue receives a large number of review applications almost on a daily basis. It is important that the Board’s judgments and decrees are well documented and represent important sources of knowledge for legal practitioners. Section 229 of the Rajasthani Tenancy Act 1955 gives the Courts considerable flexibility in interpreting the scope of review.

Section 229 of the Rajasthani Tenancy Act needs to be more clearly defined for effective interpretation. In the Double Bench Worthy Reportable Judgment Giridhari vs Koyali, the Board of Revenue has outlined the scope of review under section 229 of the Rajasthani Tenancy Act 1955. A review is permissible if there are errors on face of record, if the judgment and decree is obtained by fraud, if the court has become functus officio in deciding the case, or if the prayers allowed are beyond pleadings.

The Board of Revenue has advised all Members and subordinate courts to complete hearings in review applications during the tenure of members/officials.

The Board of Revenue engaged with the Rajasthan Tehsildar Association, the IJR Union and the Pattwar Sangh to successfully resolve a potential strike threat from May 1, 2018 onwards during the Nyay Aapke Dwar Campaign 2018. Promotions and disciplinary proceedings were completed in a number of cases.

The Digitalization initiatives of the Board of Revenue gained further momentum with SMS facility to advocates being fully operationalized and the glitches in operating the RCMS software being overcome.

In short, the month of April 2018 has enabled the Board of Revenue to continue its high momentum of the previous financial year 2017-18. Several expectations on Digitalization and modernization have turned to reality, skill-gaps noticed in subordinate courts have been addressed through retraining, human resource issues for running the system are being addressed and the issues in the run-up to the Nyay Aapke Dwar 2018 campaign have been fully resolved.

Yours sincerely,

(V.Srinivas)

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1. Shri Amraram JI,
   Revenue Minister,
   Government of Rajasthan,
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2. Sh. B.O. Gupta, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur

3. Sh. Tanmay Kumar, IAS, Secretary to Chief Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur

4. Sh. Bhishma Sharma, IAS, Revenue Secretary, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur

5. Sh. C.R. Rajaw, Chief Minister’s Advisory Council, Rajasthan, Jaipur

6. P.R.O to all noble members Board of Revenue, Jaipur
SUMMARY

As of 30-04-2018

TYPES OF MATTERS IN REVENUE BOARD FOR RAJASTHAN

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(एकल पीठ)
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नियमित सुनवाई के प्रकरण

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02. दिनांक 09.04.2018 को प्रातः 11.30 बजे शोक समा बाद व्याधिक कार्य स्वरूपित

03. दिनांक 13.04.2018 को फिलान आरएससीएस के बुधवार होने के कारण व्याधिक कार्य स्वरूपित

04. राजस्थान राजस्थान अभियोजन कार्य के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी श्री डिपार्ट दिविक में शिखर स्तर परिवर्तन 30.04.2018 को 11.30 बजे बाद समुदायीक शोक समा के प्रवाह होने के कारण दिनांक का निर्धारित था और 30.04.2018 को 11.30 बजे बाद समुदायीक शोक समा के प्रवाह होने के कारण व्याधिक कार्य स्वरूपित रहा गया।