

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Question:

As a follow-up question on Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)138, under what circumstances does the Lands Department (Lands D) grant a piece of land by way of private treaty? Will Lands D take the initiative to grant land by this means? Will a premium be definitely charged?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya

Reply:

When government land is granted directly to an applicant (instead of to the successful bidder after a competitive tender process/auction), the land is granted by way of a private treaty grant (PTG). Under the Small House Policy, the Lands Department may consider a PTG application submitted by an eligible indigenous villager who has no suitable private land within the village environs to build his small house and who therefore wishes to apply for government land for the purpose. Such PTGs, if approved, will be subject to the payment of premium set in accordance with criteria laid down for the implementation of the Small House Policy.

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