

**LA GAZETTE DE L.ETAT**  
**18 October 2005**

**GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND**  
**DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

(G.O. Ms. No. 121, dated 28th September 2005)

**NOTIFICATION**

Consequent to the complaints received from the public regarding **collection of exorbitant interest** by the **Money Lenders** in the Union Territory of Pondicherry, the question of setting up of an Anti-Usury Cell to receive complaints and to make detailed enquiries on all such matters for appropriate action as per law, has been engaging the attention of the Government.

2. Accordingly, it has been decided to constitute an Anti-Usury Cell in the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management with the following officers, viz.

**Anti-Usury Cell in Pondicherry District:**

<b>1</b>	District Magistrate, Pondicherry	Chairman
<b>2</b>	Concerned Deputy Collector (Revenue)	Member
<b>3</b>	Concerned Superintendent of Police	Member
<b>4</b>	Special Officer, Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Pondicherry	Member Secretary

**Anti-Usury Cell in Karaikal District:**

<b>1</b>	District Magistrate, Karaikal	Chairman
<b>2</b>	Deputy Collector (Revenue)	Member
<b>3</b>	Superintendent of Police	Member
<b>4</b>	Tahsildar, Office of the Deputy Collector (Revenue), Karaikal	Member Secretary

3. The terms of reference for the Cell are as detailed below:

- a) To receive the complaints regarding money lending with or without licence.
- b) To jointly examine the allegation.
- c) To cause enquiry / investigation relating to the collection of exorbitant interest and molest, if any.
- d) To ensure speedy remedial action both under the provisions of the Pondicherry Money Lenders Act, 1970 and also in deserving cases, under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and
- e) To cause the offences compounded by the authorities concerned or the cases filed before the appropriate court.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**S. KUMARASWAMY, I.A.S.,**  
Secretary (Revenue).