

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF USSR DECREE №754 of March 10th 1948. Moscow, Kremlin

On resettlement of collective farmers and other Azeri population from Armenian USSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR.

In addition to the decree №4083 of the Council of Ministers of December 23rd 1947 "On resettlement of collective farmers and other Azeri population from the Armenian USSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR", the Council of Ministers of the Union of SSR DECIDES:

1. To allow collective farms who resettle to the Kur-Araks lowlands from the Armenian SSR, to bring their means of production (agricultural machinery, inventory, draft cattle and vehicles, all types of cattle and poultry, bee families, transport vehicles and other properties, as well as natural and other resources), except for subsidiary enterprises (mills, grits cutters, electric power stations) and components of cultural and consumer buildings.

2. To establish that collective farms of the Armenian SSR, from which collective farmers are resettled to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR, are transferred to collective farms, which will include resettling collective farmers, their movable properties (agricultural machinery, inventory, draft cattle and vehicles, all types of cattle and poultry, bee families, transport vehicles and other properties, as well as natural and other resources), while the cost of immovable properties (plantations of trees, mills, electric power stations and other economic and consumer buildings) are transferred to collective farms in places of settlement within the period, fixed by the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR and the Council of Ministers of the Armenian SSR.

3. To oblige the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR and the Council of Ministers of the Armenian SSR to establish, within a period of one month, the rules of settlement of accounts with collective farms, collective farmers and other Azeri population, resettling from the Armenian SSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR, for their immovable properties which remain in the Armenian SSR.

4. To oblige the Council of Ministers of the Armenian SSR and the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR to provide possible assistance to resettling collective farmers, as well as workers and employees who resettle from the Armenian SSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR, in sale of their houses in places of resettlement.

5. To recognize as efficient the reorganization of the Department for economic management of resettling population and resettlement of collective farms under the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR to the Resettlement Department under the Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR.

6. To oblige the Department for development of irrigated areas in Kur-Araks lowlands to provide technical assistance and aid in provision of construction materials to migrating collective farms, collective farmers, and construction of subsidiary enterprises, which are required for the accomplishment of migrants.

7. To allow the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR and the Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan SSR to organize the Azpereselnstroy trust at the base of the Azpereselenstroy office under the Department for development of irrigated lands in the Kur-Araks lowlands, and to organize construction maintenance offices under this trust in Salyan, Alibayramli, Sabirabad and Pushkino.

8. To allow the Council of Ministers of the Azerbaijan SSR to:

a) organize its representative office in the Armenian SSR (Yerevan) for the period of resettlement of collective farmers and other Azerbaijani population from the Armenian SSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR;

b) to spend 11 million roubles of assignments envisioned for the non-centralized (off-limit) capital expenditures for the year of 1948 on the preparatory works related to the resettlement of Azerbaijani population from the Armenian SSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR (projecting, construction of subsidiary enterprises, organization of timber industry farms, acquisition of materials, construction equipment, transport vehicles);

c) to organize the recruitment of 700 villagers to do logging jobs in Molotov oblast and the works, carried out by the Department for development of irrigated lands in Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR.

9. To allow the Department for development of irrigated lands in Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR:

a) to carry out the construction of buildings and subsidiary enterprises and preparatory works for further development of resettlement construction within the financial estimates coordinated with the Agricultural Committee;

b) to increase production capacities of logging industry in Molotov oblast during 1948-1950.

10. To oblige the State Provision of the USSR, the Ministry of Motor Car and Tractor Industry, the Ministry of Mechanical Engineering and instrument making, the Ministry of electricity industry, the Ministry of Meat and Milk industry of the USSR, the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry of USSR, the Ministry of Chemical Industry, the Ministry of Food Industry of the USSR, to supply the equipment and materials in amounts indicated in the Appendix, to the Council of Ministers of USSR for the Department of Exploration of Irrigated Lands in Kur-Araks lowland.

11. To oblige the Central Union in coordination with the Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR to deliver to the Azerbaijan SSR the construction material sand motor cars for sale to collective farms and collective farmers, migrating from the Armenian SSR to the Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR.

12. To oblige the Ministry of Communication to provide the Department for development of irrigated lands in Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR in stations Lenkoran, Salyan, Saradjalar, Saatli, Kirminzi-Kend, Daykend, Papanin, Yeni Osmanli, Mashburun, Udjari and Masalli of the Azerbaijan Railroad, areas of 600 meters each within the right of way, for staging posts and rail depots. Loading/deloading areas shall be provided with dead-end sidings. These works shall be carried out by the Department for Development of irrigated lands in Kur-Araks lowlands of the Azerbaijan SSR.

13. To allow the Ministry of Agriculture of USSR to provide 50 horses which were drafted out from stud farms, for sale to logging organizations of the Azerbaijan SSR.

14. To oblige the State Staff Commission under the Council of Ministers of USSR to consider and approve within a period of one month the lists of members of staff of the Resettlement Department under the Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR, Azpereselenstroy trust and its construction/maintenance offices, as well as representative office of the Council of Ministers of Azerbaijan SSR to Yerevan city of Armenian SSR.

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