

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forests – Eviction of encroachers – issue of identity cards at the time of enumeration – orders issued

Agriculture & Rural Development Department

G.O.Rt.802/66/Agri.

Trivandrum, Dated. 26-3-1966.

- Read:-
1. G.O.(P) 98/63/Agri. dated 30-1-1963.
 2. Letter No.B4-43417/65 dated 7—1—1966 from the District Collector, Kottayam.
 3. Report of the Sub Committee appointed by the Consultative Committee of Parliament of Kerala Legislation to study the question of eviction of encroachers form Forest lands. and
 4. Letter No.K.Dis.7878/66/LR dated 9-3-1966 from the Secretary, Board of Revenue.

ORDER

In the Government Order read as first paper above Government have laid down the principles to be followed in carrying out eviction from Forest lands required for projects and to be preserved as forest. According to paragraphs 11 and 12 of this order, while demarcating the areas, the respective Special Deputy Collectors should prepare lists of persons living within the areas required for forest conservation or for projects containing full details regarding the nature, extent of occupation , the area under lease, if any, the name of the occupier, the number of members in the family and such other information as will be necessary for the purposes of eviction and rehabilitation. The Special Deputy Collectors should also keep a strict watch and take such measures as are found necessary, to prevent surreptitious enlargement of the extent under encroachment or the induction of fresh families into a given encroached area. The work of enumeration of occupants in pursuance of the above orders has been completed in some areas and is in progress in other areas. Identity cards are now issued to the heads of families to be evicted only at the time of implementation of the eviction and rehabilitation scheme. The Collector, Kottayam has suggested that identity cards may be issued to the heads of enumerate4d families immediately after enumeration is over in a particular area, to enable easy detection of encroachments subsequent to enumeration and to eliminate the compliant that old encroachers are being left out of enumeration. The Sub Committee appointed by the Consultative Committee of Parliament on Kerala Legislation to study the question of eviction of encroachments from forest lands has also pointed out the desirability of completing enumeration work within the shortest possible time and to issue identity cards.

2. Government have examined the question and they accept the proposal to issue identity cards to the heads of families immediately after enumeration work is over in a

particular area and they order accordingly. The District Collectors are also authorized to incur expenditure in this regard. The Chief Conservator of Forests and the District Collector will see that the work of enumeration of occupants and issue of identity cards is completed positively by the end of May 1966 at the latest and that fresh encroachments found, are summarily evicted.

By Order , etc.

Joint Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G2 -11075/66 dated 16—4—1966.

Copy to all Conservator of Forests (Territorial) and Divisional Forest Officers and Deputy Collectors, Mundakayam and Trichur for information and necessary immediate action.

Copy to G3 and G5 and Stock File.

Chief Conservator's
Office, Trivandrum.

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on G1-7695/66 dated 18—5—1966.

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For Conservator of Forests.

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