

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Harijan Welfare – Establishment of model Harijan colonies – transfer of Forest land – formation of a committee to inspect the sites proposed by the District Collectors – orders issued.

DEVELOPMENT (T) DEPARTMENT

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Dated, Trivandrum, 22-10-1979.

Read:- 1. Govt. letter No.78730/T2/77/DD dated 20-1-1979 and 31-3-1979.
2. Letter No.G5-53761/68 dated 7-5-1979 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. D.O.letter No.47753/E1/79/AD dated 6-7-1979 from the Agricultural Production Commissioner.
4. Letter No.L2.45865/78 dated 4-7-1979 from the District Collector, Ernakulam.
5. Letter No.D2v.B1-53030/79 dated 25-7-1979 from the Director of Harijan Welfare.

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Government have been considering for some time to start model Harijan Colonies to settle Harijans in all District, similar to those at Thonnakkal in Trivandrum district, Nilambur, in Malappuram District and Karikattoor in Kottayam District. But the main difficulty was the non-availability of suitable forest lands. About 200 to 300 acres of land is required for starting a harijan colony. The District Collectors have pointed out certain lands for starting model colonies. The matter was discussed in detail at a conference held on 7-2-1979 by the Minister (H.W. & C.D.) and Minister (Industries and Forest) with AGRICULTURAL Production Commissioner, Secretary (Development) Chief Conservator of Forests, Director of Tribal Welfare and Director of Harijan Welfare. It was pointed out in the conference that forest lands were available at the following places:-

1. 150 acres of clear felled vacant land at Kannankuzhi in Pariyaram Range, in Trichur District.
2. 150 acres of forest land at Varandarapally in Palappilly Forest Range in Trichur District.
3. 540.3024 Hectares of forest land in R.S.No.292 PIA in Naduvil Village in Taliparamba Taluk in Cannanore District.
4. 232.8724 Hectares of Forest land in R.S. No.1293 in Aralam Village in Tellicherry taluk in Cannanore District.
5. 200 to 300 acres of forest land in Vettilachola, Konnam and Anakkaranam, Malavarams in Thenkara Range in Palghat District.
6. 322 Hectares of Vested Forest in Ayyarmala in Palghat Range.
7. 400 acres of Poramboke land in Marayoor Village in Deviculam.
8. 500 acres of forest land in Survey No.282/IA of Perumpatty village in Alleppey District.

It was further reported that an extent of 23.058 hectares of Vested forest land should be set apart for Tribal colonies as per recommendations of the Committee on Vested Forests.

After considering the various aspects of the availability of lands suggested by the District Collectors, it was decided at the conference that a team of officials consisting of Director of Harijan Welfare, Director of Tribal Welfare, a Conservator of Forests deputed by the Chief Conservator of Forests and a Senior Officer from the Agriculture Department should visit these places and identify the areas to be made available to start model harijan colonies in all Districts and submit their recommendations to Government in respect of those sites to be selected for the purpose.

Meanwhile the District Collector, Ernakulam has pointed out that about 336 acres of land at Manianthram in survey No.785/1 in Manjalloor village in Muvattupuzha taluk is available for starting Harijan colonies.

As decided at the conference, and in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government are pleased to order constituting a committee with the following officials.

1. Director of Harijan Welfare.
2. Director of Tribal Welfare.
3. Sri. K.P.Moosa Beramy, Joint Director of Agriculture, Calicut (Representative of Agriculture Department)
4. Conservator of Forests of Respective Forest Circles.

The Director of Harijan Welfare will fix up the programme of the Committee. The committee will submit its report to Government within three months.

The District Collectors will render necessary help and assistance required by the Committee in identifying the lands.

(By order of the Governor)

K. SIVASANKARAN NAIR,
Additional Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt.on G5-53761/78 dated 2-11-1979.

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For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. On TR.12295/77 dated 13-11-1979

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For Conservator of Forests,
Trichur