

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Harijan Welfare – Report of the Evaluation Committee in the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes and Other Backward Classes – Economic Development – Recommendation No.74- Employment opportunities of the Tribes under the Forest Department –Regarding – orders issued

Revenue (K. Special) Deptt.

G.O.MC.No. 576/ Rev.

Dated, Trivandrum 17-6-1963

- Read:
1. Evaluation Committee's report submitted to Government on 30th May 1962
 2. Letter No. PL.C1.31021/62 dated 25-10-62/3-11-62 from the Director of Harijan Mel fare
 3. Letter No. C2.20935/62 dated 21/23-3-63 from the Chief Conservator of Forests
 4. Letter no. C3.14306/63 dated 5-4-1963 from the Registrar of Co-Operative Societies.

ORDER

The Evaluation Committee appointed by Government in 1961 to assess the work done in connecting with the uplift of the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes during the first and second five year plan periods and to suggest ways and means to rectify the defects found, has, in its report, interalia, recommended as follows:-

“The Forest Department should treat it as their responsibility to provide adequate employment to the Tribes living in the forest areas. Tribal people should be recruited as forest guards to the extent possible for conservation work and also for the work of the exploitation on a planned basis. Tribal laborer should be ordained into labour corps by the Forest Department so as to supply their requirements for labour. The Hillman's rules under the forest Act should be revised taking all these facts into consideration”

2. At present, Hill men as employed as mazdoors on daily wages. They are also appointed as watchers, mahouts, vavadies, peons, guards etc. Forest Guards and peons are permanent employees in pension ale service. Besides, 50% of vacancies of guards in Wild Life department has already been reserved for local hill tribes and they are exempted for educational qualifications. The posts of watchers in the Wild Life Departments have also been reserved for local hill tribes.

3. A scheme to organize forest cooperatives of the Maharastra type for the benefit of the hill tribes is being considered by Government

4. Government consider that the work of collection of minor forest produce can be entrusted to the tribal. For this organization of cooperatives for Harijans and tribes will be tried in a few selected places. After forming the societies the Forest Department will have the right of collection and removal of Minor Produce to such societies at the average of rates fetched during the last two years.

5. The possibilities of organizing the tribes men into labour contract cooperatives will be enquired into by the Harijan welfare department.

6. Steps have already been taken to revise hill men's rules under the Forest Departments.

7. The Chief Conservator of Forests the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and the Director of Harijan Welfare will take steps to implement the proposals.

By order of the Governor etc.
N. Gopaldaswamy Revenue Secretary

End. On C2-20935/63 dated 10-7-63.

Copy forwarded to the Conservators for information and guidance
Sd/- For Chief Conservator of Forests

End. On E. 13842/63 L.Dis. dated 23-7-1963

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