

**ANNEXURE 'B'**

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
ABSTRACT**

Forest land – Encroachments - Allotment of house numbers by Panchayats – Orders issued.

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATION & SOCIAL WELFARE ( C ) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1527/80/LA & SWD.

Dated. Trivandrum, 14-5-1980.

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Read:- From the Director of Panchayats letter No.C.3/42382/70/L.Dis dated 29-9-1979.

**ORDER**

Under Section 108 of the Kerala Panchayats Act, numbers are assigned by the Panchayats for buildings in Panchayat areas. The assignment of house numbers to the House/hutments built in reserve Forests on encroached lands without ascertaining the ownership of the land has posed a serious problem to Government.

2. It is noticed that in the Five Year Revision of building by the Panchayat, they assign numbers to all houses/hutments built on encroached lands in Reserve Forest areas, provided they are occupied. Further they entertain applications from the occupiers of houses/hutments made on encroached lands in reserve forests and after verification assign house numbers. Some of the encroachers manage to get house numbers assigned to them and keep the token safely till such time at a later date. When they manage to encroach and put up hutments and then make use of these house numbers so as to establish their claim for an earlier occupation. In some other cases house numbers belonging to their "Tharavad" houses are also shifted and fixed to new houses built on the encroached lands in reserve forest area.

3. Government has examined the whole question and have felt the necessity for putting an end to such illegal activities.

4. In the circumstances Government Order that the Director of Panchayats will issue strict instructions to all the Executive Officers of Panchayats not to allot house number to any house/hutment built or said to have been built on encroached lands in reserve forest areas as they are unauthorized and the occupiers liable to be evicted.

By Order of the Governor

M.Dandapani,  
Special Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Vide G1 -11819/79/dated 18-9-79)

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Endt. on L1-33253/83

Chief Conservator's Office,  
Trivandrum, dated 19-11-1985.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Endt. on G2 – 13031/85/L1-12-85

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Conservator of Forests