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Copy of G.O.(MS) 300/79/AD dated: 24-7-79 from Agriculture (Planning II) Department, Trivandrum.

Agriculture - Collective Farm Illithode - Future set up of the farm - orders issued.

Read:- 1. G.O.MS. 311/72/AD dated 22-9-1972.

2. Letter No.L3-53947/78 dt.21-12-1978 from the District Collector, Ernakulam.

3. Letter No.17620/79 dated 5-3-1979 from the Director of Agriculture, Trivandrum.

ORDER

As per the G.O. read as 1st paper above, Government established the first collective farm at Illithode in Ernakulam District. The extent of the Farm is 537.690 hectares. The area set apart for the farm has reserve forest land which was disreserved and transferred to the Agriculture Department with the tree growth thereof for assignment to the collective farm society. The collective Farm was registered as a special type Co-operative society under the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act (Act 21 of 1969) and started functioning with 250 families as members of the society. It was contemplated that the management of the Farm would be vested with the Society.

2. The scheme contemplated financial assistance from institutional agencies like the Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation, Nationalised banks etc. for the development of the Farm until such assistance was made available government would have to assist the Collective Farm Society with funds for development. Till 1979 an amount of Rs.23,49,107 was spent by Government on the Farm by way of grant and loan. Considering the huge investment so far made by the Government and the additional funds further required for satisfying the major requirements of the farm, Government considered whether the farm collective farm Illithode should be continued in its present form or whether the land should be assigned to the individuals and if so on what basis. The District Collector, Ernakulam was requested to submit a detailed report on the working of the Collective Farm and on the basis of the report it was decided to assign the land of the collective farm to the individual members of the Farming Society. Necessary proposals were, therefore, called for from the District Collector, Ernakulam for assignment of land to the individual members of the society.

3. Government have examined in detail the proposals received from the District Collector, Ernakulam in his letter read as 2nd paper above and are pleased to accord sanction for the assignment of the land of the Collective Farm to the Existing 224 families of the collective farm at one Hect. each along with the ten cents of land already given to each family under K.L.A Rules subject to their eligibility subject also to the special condition that the land should not be alienated for a minimum period of 10 years and subject to the usual terms and conditions laid down in K.L.A. Rules 1964.

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5. Government are also pleased to issue the following orders in the matter.

1. The present farming Co-operative Society will be liquidated and a new Co-operative of the assignees will be formed.
2. The forest area of 62.32 hect. including 23.93 hect of teak plantation will be transferred to the forest Department.
3. The assets of the present farming society including its buildings, day care centre, Ration shop etc. will be transferred to the new co-operative society of the assignees to be formed.
4. The 38 hect. of coconut plantation will be transferred to the Forest Department and the Agriculture Department staff of the farm will be withdrawn.
5. The loan amounts due from the Farming society will be written off.
6. The balance of land will also be transferred to the Forest Department.

The District Collector will take steps to survey and sub divide the land in plots of one hect. each for distribution to the assignees by drawal of lot.

The Registrar of Cooperative Societies will take necessary action for the liquidation of the Collective Farm Society and for the formation of a new Co-operative Society of the assignees.

By order of the Governor,
P. Shanmugasundaran,
Secretary to Government.

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For Conservator of Forests.
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