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CENSUS 1981—PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS—APPOINTMENT OF
CENSUS OFFICERS—PROPOSALS OF THE DIRECTOR OF
CENSUS OPERATIONS—APPROVED—
ORDERS ISSUED—

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL C) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (P) No. 493/79/GAD. Dated, Trivandrum, 31st August 1979.

Read:—From Director of Census Operations, Kerala Letter
No. C2-150/79 dated 1-8-1979.

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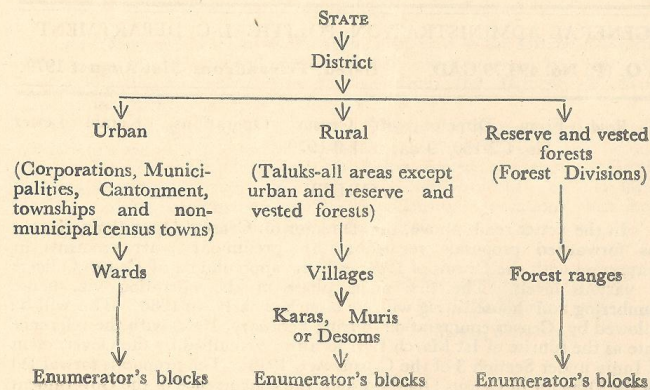
In the letter read above, the Director of Census Operations, Kerala has forwarded proposals regarding the preliminary arrangements in connection with the Census of 1981 and the appointment of Census Officers at various levels. The first main phase in the operation viz. house numbering and house listing will be launched early in 1980. This will be followed by Census enumeration during February, 1981 with the reference date as the sunrise of 1st March 1981 as already notified by the Government of India under Section 3 of the Census Act, 1948. The proposals forwarded by the Director of Census Operations for the concurrence of the Government are as follows:—

Delimitation Schedule :

For the proper conduct of the Census it is necessary to effect a graduated breaking up of the entire State into a pyramid of territorial jurisdictions. The primary break-up of the State jurisdiction will be on the basis of the existing revenue districts. Each district will be divided into urban and rural areas. The corporations, municipal towns, townships, cantonments and such of the areas as will be approved as towns will constitute urban areas, the rest forming rural areas. The rural areas will be divided on the basis of the existing revenue taluks excluding reserve and vested forests and each taluk on the basis of the existing revenue villages. Each town will be subdivided into wards and each village will

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be subdivided into karas or muris or desoms, as the case may be. The next and the last subdivision will be the enumerator's block. So far as the reserve and vested forests are concerned, in view of the extensive area of forests in Kerala, it is considered that as in the past, the enumeration work in this area should be in the charge of the Divisional Forest Officers. Though the reserve and vested forest divisions in Kerala are not co-extensive with the revenue districts it is not difficult to carve out the forest area lying in each revenue district on the basis of ranges falling in a district and taluk. The reserve and vested forests will, therefore, be divided into forest divisions and each forest division into ranges and each range into enumerator's blocks. The Census Operations in the reserve and vested forests in each district will be conducted by the officers concerned under the Census Officer in charge of the district. The pyramid of territorial jurisdiction on the above basis will be:



2. Enumeration Hierarchy:

The District Collector in each district will be nominated as the Principal Census Officer. He will be the head of the enumeration hierarchy in the district. The Deputy Collector (General) will be appointed as District Census officer to assist the District Collector who is the Principal Census Officer. The Revenue Divisional Officers will be appointed as Subdivisional Census Officers who will assist the Principal Census Officer in the Census work in their respective jurisdictions.

In the case of corporations and municipal towns the respective corporation/municipal Commissioners will be appointed as charge officers. In respect of all the taluks including non-municipal towns but excluding the reserve and vested forests and other notified towns, the respective

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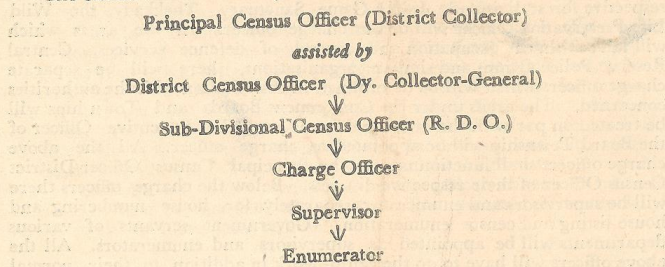
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Tahsildars will be appointed as charge officers. In the reserve and vested forests the Divisional Forest Officers will be the charge officers of the respective forest divisions. In the Game Sanctuary, Thekkady, the Wild Life Preservation Officer will be the charge officer. In the areas which will fall within the occupation and control of defence services, Central Reserve Police Camps and similar organisations, there will be separate charge officers which will be determined in consultation with the authorities concerned. The areas under the Cantonment Boards and Townships will be treated on par with the municipal towns and the Executive Officer of the Board/Township will be appointed as charge officer. All the above charge officers shall function under the Principal Census Officer/District Census Officer of their respective districts. Below the charge officers there will be supervisors and enumerators separately for house numbering and house listing and census enumeration. Government servants of various departments will be appointed as supervisors and enumerators. All the above officers will have to do the census work in addition to their normal duties. The names of the officers who will be designated as Census Officers of various levels upto charge officers and their respective jurisdictions are indicated in the following table :

	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name of authority</i>	<i>Census designation</i>
1.	District	District Collector	Principal Census Officer
2.	District	Deputy Collector (General)	District Census Officer
3.	Revenue Division	Revenue Divisional Officer	Sub Divisional Census Officer
4.	Taluk including non-municipal towns but exclud- ing corporations/ Municipal towns, Cantonments, townships and reserve and vested forest areas.	Tahsildar	Charge Officer.
5.	Corporation and Municipal Town	Commissioner of Cor- poration / Municipa- lity	Charge Officer
6.	Township and Can- tonment area	Executive Officer	Charge Officer
7.	Reserve and vested Forest Division	Divisional Forest Officer	Charge Officer
8.	Game Sanctuary Thekkady	Wild Life Preservation Officer	Charge Officer.

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The enumeration hierarchy will be as follows :



The Government agree to the above proposals of the Director of Census Operations, Kerala and order that all the officers concerned will take necessary action on receipt of instructions from the Director of Census Operations, Kerala in this regard.

Notification appointing the Census Officers and delegating to them the powers to appoint census officer under them and authorising them to sign declarations under the Census Act is being issued separately. Detailed instructions regarding the functions and responsibilities of the Census Officers in the various phases of the Census Operations like house numbering, house listing and census enumeration will be issued in due course.

By Order of the Governor,
M. S. K. RAMASWAMY,
Special Secretary.

To

- All District Collectors.
- All Revenue Divisional Officers/Tahsildars.
- The Commissioners, Corporation of Trivandrum/Calicut and Cochin.
- All Municipal Commissioners.
- The Director of Public Instruction.
- The Secretary, Board of Revenue (Land (Revenue)).
- The Chief Conservator of Forests.
- All District Forest Officers.
- All other Heads of Departments.
- The Director of Census Operations, Kerala, Trivandrum.