

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

FORESTS – ENCROACHMENTS IN PROJECT AREAS – PREVENTION OF –
ORDERS ISSUED

AGRICULTURE (FOREST A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.1203/61/Agri.

Trivandrum, Dated 30-11-1961.

ORDER

Encroachments in the areas required for the Hydroelectric and Irrigation Projects of the State have become an serious problem. The works on the Projects are considerably hampered and the reservoirs of such Projects are also faced with the danger of being silted up as a result of soil erosion caused by cultivation in a the water-spread and catchments areas. The question of preventing encroachments has been under consideration of Government for some time past. Recently, the matter was discussed at a conference with the concerned Officers, at which various suggestions were put forward.

2. Government have carefully, considered the suggestions made in the conference and are pleased to pass the following orders:-

- (i) The Project areas should be declared as protected areas for the effective prevention of future encroachments;
- (ii) The occupants in the water-spread and working areas should be immediately evicted irrespective of whether alternative lands will be given to them or not;
- (iii) In the case of lands which have been permanently assigned, action should be taken immediately to acquire such lands.
- (iv) A Special Officer in the rank of a District Collector will be appointed with full powers to be in charge of eviction of encroachments in the Project areas;
- (v) The Special Officers will be under the administrative control of the Board of Revenue.

3. The Home Department will take steps for the issue of necessary notifications declaring the Project areas as protected areas. The Chief Engineer (General and Projects) and the Chairman, Kerala State Electricity Board will furnish the Home Department, the

Special Officer and the Board of Revenue at an early date with particulars of the Project areas to be declared as protected areas.

4. The Board of Revenue is requested to submit proposals for the appointment of the Special Officer, to Government in the /revenue Department. The Board of Revenue is also requested to take steps for the acquisition of lands assigned in the Project areas.

5. The question as to what should be done with regard to the Kuthakapattom cases within the Project areas has also to be considered and decided. The Board of Revenue is requested to send up their suggestions in the matter.

(By order of the Governor)

C.Thomas
Secretary to Government.

Copy of Memorandum No.B4-40950/61 dated 7-12-1961 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Addressed to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy.

Sub: Forests encroachments in Project areas Prevention of orders issued.

Copy of G.O.MS.1203/61/Agri. dated 30-11-'61 is forwarded herewith to the Conservator of Forests, Chalakudy and Quilon for information.

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endorsement on KT.24598/61 dated 13-12-1961

Copy with copy of enclosure forwarded to, All Divisional Forest Officers, Deputy Collectors Ayyappancovil and Kodanad for information and attention.

Sd/-
Conservator of Forests

Copy to D, G1 and Contracts Section.

Conservators Officer
Chalakudy, 13-12-1961

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