

Government of Kerala
Agriculture & Rural Development Department
(Agriculture)

No.26769/Ag3/ 64/Agri

Dated, Trivandrum, 6-2-1965.

MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Transfer of land for the establishment of Regional Research Centre in Kerala.

Ref:- Letter No. G5-25853/64 dated 31-12+-1964 and 29-1-1965 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Extract from the report on Tour of Dr. S.C. Datta, Assistant Director in Kerala State for selecting a site for opening a Regional Centre of CIMPO is furnished below:-

Our half for the night of 5th was arranged at Trichur and on the 6th morning, we visited a place Manamangalam. The details of the place are given below:-

1. Location - It is at a distance of 9 miles from Trichur on an motor able road. The land is under Forest Department.
2. Availability - 300 to 400 acres may be available .
3. Altitude - About 300 feet.
4. Water-table - 20 to 25 feet.
5. Irrigation - A stream flows by the site of this area and Manamangalam river (15 To 20 ft. wide) is about 2/1 mile away. Water will be available From both sources. Some well and lift irrigation will be useful in summer when water supply in this stream become restricted. Water in the stream comes from Peechi reservoir which is at a distance of 11 miles by road (5 miles as the crow flies).
6. Electricity - About 2 miles away from this site. It was understood that the electricity Will soon be extended through this area to Manmangalam Village .
7. Rainfall - About 100 inches per year.

8.- Temperature - 70 to 90 d F. or a little more in summer.

9. Fencing will be necessary for protecting the area from grazing of cattles.

10. Other facilities:-

(1) Land is very near Trichur and there are habitation all around .

(2) It is on a bus route from Trichur to Manamangalam village.

(3) Regional centre can be located at Trichur with its office and laboratory there. There is a modern Veterinary College at Mannuthy (via. Trichur) from which the site is at a distance of about 4 miles. Dr. Nair has suggested that temporary arrangements for office and scientific staff can be made at this College and the Principal of the College had kindly agreed to given them all laboratory facilities for scientific work as well.

(4) For establishing a building or regional centre of CIMPO at a later date, free land of about 1 acre adjacent to this Veterinary College may be given free to the C.S.I.R. by the Agricultural Department.

(5) As the staff of CIMPO can be accommodated free in this Veterinary College and as partially no expenses will be incurred for scientific work, Dr. Nair has suggested that the work may be a started here immediately.

(6) The site being near a habitation, labour will be easily available.

A visit was also made to the Ayurvedic Manufacturing Dispensary and Hospital at Trichur on the afternoon of 6th in company with the Director of Indigenous Medicine, Trivandrum who kindly showed us all around and explained the processes involved in preparation of such medicines.

Conclusion and suggestion.

1. The land at Manamangalam is a suitable site for the field station of CIMPO and the Veterinary College , Trichur may be used as a temporary location for its office and staff. This was discussed with Sri. M. Janardanan Nair, Director of Agriculture , who also agreed to this proposal.”

It is seen that they have selected the area at Manamangalam in Trichur District. In this connection attention of the Chief Conservator of Forests is also invited to letter No. 89-7/61 Mp dated 18-4-64 from CIMPO communicated to him with Government Memo of even No. dated 2-6-1964. It is not known how Maruthamkuzhy has come to the picture. The The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to elucidate.

The matter may be treated as urgent.

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Asst. Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chalakudy.

Forwarded / By order,

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Superintendent.

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