

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

One Lakh houses scheme- Nedumkandam Panchayat- disposal of trees standing in the forest land transferred for the implementation of the scheme- action of Panchayat- ratified.

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LOCAL ADMIN & SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O. RT.2266/72/LA& SWD

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Read:- From the District Collector, Idikki- Teleprinter message No. F3-502/72 dated 24-10-1972.

ORDER

One acre of Government land in Sy. No. 145/1 of Kalkoonthal Village of Udumbanchola Taluk was placed at the disposal of the Nedumkandam Panchayat for the implementation of the one lakh houses scheme. Fifty-eight trees (other than royal trees) standing on the plot have to be disposed of for constructing houses under the scheme in the plot. The District Collector, Idikki has reported that the Panchayat has already auctioned the trees and the auction sale proceeds amounting to Rs. 1500/- has been credited to Panchayat Housing Fund. It has been pointed out that if the trees in the plot allotted to the Panchayat are to be cleared by the Forest Department much time will be required. Leading to delay in the implementation of the scheme. The District Collector, Idikki has, therefore, requested that the action of the Nedumkandam Panchayat in having auctioned the trees and in having credited the proceeds to the Panchayat Housing Fund may be ratified.

Governments have considered the proposal of the District Collector, Idikki. The District Collector is informed that the action of the Panchayat in this regard is irregular and that the action of the Panchayat should not have been permitted to clear the trees on its own and credit the amount to its funds without prior approval by the Government. However since the auction proceeds have already been credited to the Panchayat Housing Fund, the action of the Panchayat is ratified, as a special case. This should not be cited as a precedent.

(By order of the Governor)

P.T. Augustine,
Deputy Secretary.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests..