

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Encroachment on Idukki Project area – Eviction from Kulamavu Channel – orders issued.

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**REVENUE (L) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(MS)No.508/68/Rev.

Dated, Trivandrum, 4-12-1968.

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- Read:
1. G.O..MS.186/Rev dated 4-5-1967.
  2. G.O.(P) 289/Agri dated 7-6-1968.
  3. Letter No.C14-23921/67 dated 19-9-1968 from the District Collector, Ernakulam.
  4. Notes No C14-23921/67 dated 6-11-1968 from the District Collector, Ernakulam.
  5. Memorandum dated 9-11-1968 from the General Secretary, Iddikki Project area Karshaka Raksha Samithy, Vairamony.

**ORDER**

A Conference was held at Kulamavu on 9-11-1968 to discuss the Problems connected with the eviction and the rehabilitation of the occupants of Idukki Project area. This conference, which was attended by the officials and the non-officials concerned besides the Minister for Health, was presided over by the Minister for Revenue. The various problems connected with the eviction were thrashed in detail in the discussion and it was decided that top priority should be given to the eviction and rehabilitation of the occupants of “Kulamavu Channel” of the reservoir area of the Iddikki Project as the site has to be handed over to the Kerala State Electricity Board by the end of December 1968; that the eviction and resettlement of the occupants in the remaining areas would be taken up in batches at convenient intervals and not left to be done in one lump since such large scale transplantation of persons is likely to throw up all kinds of administrative and human problems. Accordingly the Government is pleased to issue the following orders:-

- (1) Steps will be taken immediately for the eviction of the 167 families from the ‘Kulamavu Channel’ areas and to hand over the land to the Kerala State Electricity Board by the end of December 1968.
- (2) These families will be resettled in the lands indicated below:-
  - (a) Thoppipala area in Ayyappancoil Range - 50 acres.  
in Kottayam division.
  - (b) Pezhumkandam area. - 44 acres (the area  
That will be available  
beyond the F.R.L)

(c) Chettikulam in Chalakudy Division	- 206.12 acres.
(d) Area between Koruthode and Kuzhimavu in Erumeli Range.	- 100.00 acres.
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Total:	- <u>400.12 acres.</u>

(3) In resettling the resident families that would be evicted the principles of rehabilitation will be the same as these adumbrated in G.O.MS.No.186/Rev/67 dated 4-5-1967 with the difference that

- (i) The maximum extent of land that may be allotted to a family will be 3 acres subject to the condition that the extent of lands that the family has elsewhere together with the land allotted should not exceed a total of 4 acres. Land value will be collected as per K.L.A. Rules 1964.
  - (ii) The evicted families will be paid value of improvements at the rates fixed under the Kerala Compensation for Tenants Improvement Act 1958 subject to a minimum of Rs.250/-
  - (iii) Those families which are not eligible to get any compensation by way of value of improvements will be given an exgratia payment of Rs.250/- each as contemplated in the G.O. read as second paper above.
  - (iv) Pack food, transit facilities etc. will be provided by the Kerala State Electricity Board.
- (4) Non-resident who would be evicted will be given only the value of Improvements and no alternative land.
  - (5) Identity cards will be issued to the resident occupants on the basis of one card per dwelling house. Photograph of the head of the house-hold will be affixed on the identity cards.
  - (6) Expenditure incurred towards compensation for improvements survey staff and other rehabilitation charges will be met by the Kerala State Electricity Board. The expenditure will be initially debited to "71 Misc.(h) Misc. and Unforeseen charges – (viii) expenditure in connection with the eviction of Encroachers from the Iddikki and Cheruthoni Dam Sites" and will later be got reimbursed by the Kerala State Electricity Board.
  - (7) The Secretary, Board of Revenue will forward immediately proposals for Providing the required funds under the above head of account.

2. The survey and sub-division of the areas mentioned above should be arranged to be done immediately. Orders regarding additional staff for this purpose will be issued separately.

(By Order of the Governor)

A.K.K. Nambiar,  
Revenue Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary, Board of Revenue (LR).  
The District Collector, Ernakulam, and Kottayam.  
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board.  
The Chief Conservator of Forests.  
The Director of Survey & Land Records.  
The Accountant General, Kerala.  
The Water & Power Department.  
The Agriculture (Forest) Department/The Finance Department.  
The Personal Assistant to Minister (Revenue)  
The Stenographer to R.S.

Forwarded / By order

Superintendent