

Kerala Government

Revenue – the development of National Highway 85 Munnar - Bodimetu Road, sanctioning of 1.5 hectares of land included in Survey No. 20/1 at Chinnakkanal Village in Udumbanchola Taluk to the Forest Department for afforestation

Revenue (A) Department

Letter No. 128/2022/RD , Thiruvananthapuram Dated 13-05.2022

Ref :

1. Letter No L/M7-645/2020 Dated 07.01.2022, Division Forest Officer, Munnar
2. Letter No. LR/2064/2022-LR(K2) Dated 23.02.2022, Land Revenue Commissioner

Order

1. In lieu of 1.5 hectares of forest land required as part of National Highway 85 Munnar - Bodimetu road development, a proposal has been submitted by the Commissioner of Land Revenue to release 1.5 hectares of land included in Survey No. 20/1 at Chinnakkanal Village in Udumbanchola Taluk to the Forest Department for remedial afforestation. The Munnar Divisional Forest Officer informed as per reference 1 that forest land can be released only if the same area of land is made available to the Forest Department in exchange for the forest land required as part of National Highway 85 Munnar Bodimetu Road development.

2. The area identified for remedial afforestation is comprised of 8.70.00 hectares of land lying under Survey No. 20/1 and 34/1 acquired from the Government near Chinnakkanal Tavalam Cement Bridge and 10.0221.175 to the south of the 3.713 hectares recommended for remedial afforestation in lieu of the land given in NPOL. The Commissioner of Land Revenue had reported vide reference 2 that 1.50 hectares of Government land was included in Survey No. 20/1 situated within the coordinates of North and 77.1126656 East. According to the Land Revenue Commissioner's report, as this land is 1677.25 acres of government land as per the basic land tax register and is surrounded by government land and there are no foundations within a radius of 3 km, on the basis of reasonable price, the price of 150 acres can be determined at Rs.1,60,000/- and Rs.2,40,00,000/- have done.

3. The government has examined this in detail. In lieu of 1.5 hectares of forest land required as part of the development of National Highway 85 Munnar - Bodimetu Road, 1.5 hectares of land included in Survey No. 20/1 at Chinnakkanal Village in Udumbanchola Taluk is issued to the Forest Department for remedial afforestation. Idukki District Collector should take legal follow-up action in this regard.

Additional Secretary