

**POLICE**



**DEPARTMENT**

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From

**The District Police Chief,**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM RURAL.

To

**The District Collector,**  
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub : Construction of Public Service Friendly Oriented Police Station at  
Ponmudi -Proposed land - Stop Memo issued- Reconsideration requested  
for - reg.

Ref : (1) This office letter of even No.dated 11.03.2015.  
(2) No.B2-22370/15 dated 30.03.2015 of the District Collector, Tvm.  
(3) Order No.H7-12128/2012/PHQ dated 30.03.15 of ADGP (Mod), PHQ.  
(4) Order No.H7-67053/2014/PHQ dated 24.03.15 of ADGP (Mod), PHQ.  
(5) Letter No.H7-52392/2013/PHQ dated 27.04.2015 of State Police Chief,  
Kerala.  
(6) No.B2/22370/2015 dated 24.07.2015 of the District Collector, Tvm.  
(7) Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under  
the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980- General approval under Section-2 of  
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Letter No. F. No.11-9/98-FC dt.  
13.02.2014 of Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Kindly refer to the above.

This is to bring to your notice that though Ponmudi is a famous Tourist destination of Kerala as well as a strategic location, the Ponmudi Police Station in Thiruvananthapuram Rural Police District is functioning in 2 rooms of a building owned by Tourism Department. The present condition of the building is pathetic, highly congested, lacking basic amenities and in short subhuman. Hence it is very much essential to construct a new building for Ponmudi Police Station at the earliest. In the above circumstances, a land of 1 Acre 57 Cents was identified in re-survey No.4003/8 in Thennoor Village, Nedumangad Taluk for the construction of the Ponmudi Police Station and Police Quarters. The Additional Thahsildar, Nedumangad had reported that the proposed land does not fall within the limits of EFL. As per reference cited Ist above, a letter was forwarded to the District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram for Advance Possession Certificate and Permissive Sanction for the construction of Ponmudi Police Station in the above said land.



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Subsequently Permissive Sanction was accorded vide reference cited as 2nd, for the said construction in the above said 50 Cents of land. It may kindly be further noted that a total amount of Rs.95 Lakhs has been sanctioned by the State Police Chief, Kerala vide reference Illrd, ivth & vth cited for the construction.

But now a Stop Memo vide reference cited as 6th, has been received from the District Collector, to stop the handing over process of the said land without the sanction of Ministry of Forest and Environment, Government of India. It has come to the notice that ISRO Buildings like the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) has its extended campus in Ponmudi wherein a fully functional Climate observatory has already been established there and a lecture complex and a guest house are also going to be constructed soon apart from the state of art Space Science Complex. Even a Cafeteria and Forest Products Sales Shop is being run by Forest Department in the nearby locality of the land in question. It is however beyond comprehension that the DFO does not have objection in all these being constructed in similar land even for commercial purpose but has objection in a basic Police Station building being constructed at this location.

Ponmudi is located in the south eastern tip of Western Ghats and is a vital location from the strategic view point. This place can be targeted by Maoists or any other extremists as its a tactical location. The Police Wireless and Repeater Station, IIST Campus and modern Space Science Complex of ISRO is also under construction is located at this place. Hence Ponmudi requires a fully fortified self sufficient Police Station with all basic amenities, that are essential for the survival of police personnel in such a higher altitude.

As far as the Permissive Sanction of the District Collector and the fund allotted for the purpose are concerned, the construction cannot be stopped at this stage. The fund will get lapsed if not utilized within a stipulated time. Therefore, it is requested to review the Stop Memo issued from that end and to allow to carry on the proposed construction in the same land.

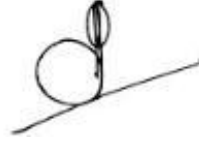
It may further be noted that the the Forest Land up to one hectre can be diverted for security purpose as per Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980- General approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Letter No. F. No.11-9/98-FC dt. 13.02.2014 of Ministry of Environment & Forests which is cited as reference 7th and a copy is enclosed herewith for ready reference. Hence if required a detailed Forest Land Diversion Proposal may be forwarded to the DFO to obtain the land in question for the purpose of the construction of a building for Ponmudi Police Station.

However considering immediate the security reasons and need for having a proper fortified Police installation at this strategically vital place in the wake of the recent Maoist activities in Western Ghats area, construction of the said Police Station in the said land is highly essential and inevitable. Therefore steps may kindly be taken either to reverse the order or to convene a joint meeting of the District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram, the District Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram Rural and the DFO and sort out this issue amicably.



A positive response in this regard is solicited at the earliest.

Yours faithfully



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**District Police Chief**

Copy To : The State Police Chief, Kerala for favour of kind information and necessary action.

The ADGP (South Zone) and IGP (Thiruvananthapuram Range) for favour of kind information and necessary action.

The DFO, Thiruvananthapuram for information and necessary action.



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