

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest - Forest land - Allotment of land to State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd. for sugarcane cultivation and to the Harijan Welfare Department for establishing Harijan colony--orders issued.

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AGRICULTURE (FOREST ESTT) DEPARTMENT

G.O. MS No 280/72/AD Dated, Trivandrum 28-8-1972

- Read:-
1. G.O. MS No 191/69/ID dated 26-4-1969
  2. GO MS No 68/72/ID dated 22-2-1972
  3. GO MS No 88/72/ID dated 10-3-1972
  4. GO MS No 273/71/AD dated ~~22-12-1971~~ 9-12-1971
  5. GO MS No 234/71/AD dated 12-10-1971
  6. From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Correspondence resting with his letter No G2-20654/70 dated 24-2-1972 and No G3 52474/71/dt 4-5-1972.
  7. From the Director of Harijan Welfare, correspondence resting with his letter No D v 82-20035/71 dated 4-2-1972
  8. D.O. No 3566/71-72 dated 30-12-1971 from the Chairman The Mannam Sugar Mills Co-operative Society Ltd. No. 4324, Pandalam P.O.

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In the G.O. first cited, Government have ordered to lease out 5150 acres of forest land to the Mannam Sugar Mills Co-operative Ltd. Pandalam for sugarcane cultivation in the following areas:-

<u>Site</u>	<u>Area (Acres)</u>
1. Kumarankudi	1250
2. Nilakkal	150
3. Ambanor and Cheruppittakavu	1250
4. Aiyranalloor	2000
5. Area between Thannithodu and Thekkuthodu	500
Total	5150

The Mannam Sugar Mills could not however utilise these areas and undertake sugarcane cultivation on account of various reasons. On a thorough examination of the various aspects of the scheme, Government have set up the state Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd. as per the Government Orders read as second and third papers above, with a view to facilitating supply of sufficient quantity of sugarcane to the Sugar Mills by cultivation in an additional effective area of 7500 to 8000 H acres.

2. The Government of India Committee on Sugar Mills which visited the State in August 1971, has inter alia, recommended that in lieu of the forest areas allotted by the Government for sugar cane cultivation to Mannam Sugar Mills at distances exceeding 25 miles, new areas nearer to the factory might be allotted to make the working of the proposed State Farming Corporation economical. Based on the above recommendations, the Chairman of the Mannam Sugar Mills Co-operative Ltd. has in his letter read as eight paper above proposed that an area of 8900 acres of forest lands be allotted to the Corporation for sugarcane cultivation.

3. In the G.O. Read as fourth paper above Government have sanctioned that disreservation and transfer of 325 acres of forest land from Chithalvetty Reserve to the Harijan Colony. The Director of Harijan Welfare was asked to inspect the Chithalvetty area and also the forest aldn at Kadakaman ~~xxxx~~ which was the site originally chosen from the Harijan Colony as per the G.O. read as fifth paper above, and to make recommendations about the suitability of the areas for the Harijan Colony. The Director of Harijan Welfare has made certain recommendations to Government in this regard.



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4. The question of allotment of forest lands to the State Farming Corporation of and to the Harijan Welfare Department has been examined by Government in detail, and they order that the following forest areas will be leased out to the State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd. for sugarcane cultivation, after clearfelling the area:

1. Chithalvetty	2300 acres
2. Cheruppittakavu	2000 "
3. Kumarankudi	1250 "
4. Ambanar-Cheruppittakavu	1250 "
5. Nilakkal	300 "

Total 7100 "

5. The Chief Conservator of Forests will examine the question of allotting the whole or part of Punnala Reserve of 1600 acres to the Corporation, keeping in view the requirements of Forest Department and submit a report to Government immediately.

6. An extent of 215 acres of forest land from Chithalvetty reserve and an area of 100 acres from Kadakkamon reserve adjoining the main road from Punalur to Pathanapuram will be disreserved and transferred to Revenue Department for being handed over to the Harijan Welfare Department for the establishment of Harijan Colonies.

7. The State Farming Corporation will cultivate the Kallada Irrigation Project area in Shendurni Valley now with them till the area gets submerged.

8. The lease rent in respect of the land allotted to the State Farming Corporation on lease is fixed at Rs 50/- (Rupees fifty only) per acre per annum, subject to review after a period of three years.

9. The other terms and conditions for the allotment of the forest land to the State Farming Corporation will be fixed later in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Managing Director, the State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd. taking into account the terms and conditions approved, when forest lands were allotted to Mannam Sugar Mills. The Chief Conservator of Forests will send up necessary proposals accordingly.

10. The forest areas and the Kallada Irrigation Project area in the Shendurni Valley will be handed back to the Forest Department when no longer required by the State Farming Corporation for sugarcane cultivation.

11. The orders contained in the Government orders read as first, fourth and fifth papers will stand modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)  
K C SANKARANARAYANAN  
Agricultural Production Commissioner

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trivandrum  
The Director of Harijan Welfare, Trivandrum  
The Chairman, The State Farming Corporation of Kerala Ltd  
Punalur. etc. etc. etc. etc.

Forwarded/by order  
Sd/-  
Section Officer

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# SCHEDULE-I

This is part of  
The lease agreement  
dt-29-3-84

Location	Extent in ha.	Date of possession & authority GO MS/280/ 72/AD dt 28-8-1972	Rate of lease rent & authority GO MS/286/77 ID DT 9-11-77	Arrears of lease rent upto 31-3-1982 Rs
Item No. 1 Cheruppittakavu (Punalur Forest Division) 249.300	168.200 11.250 74.850 203.150	7-2-75 7-4-75 1-1-76 4-4-77	Rs 125/ha/year	2,06,442.19 1,26,968.75
Item 2(a) Ambanar (Punalur Forest Dn.) 213.650	189.700 23.950	14-8-72 3-11-72	"	2,57,411.35
Item No. 2(b) Kottakkayam (Punalur Dn.)	108.750	5-11-74	"	1,00,820.30
Item No. 2(c) Mullumala (Punalur Dn.)	239.150	5-9-73	"	2,56,587.58
Item No. 3 Kumarankudi (Punalur Dn.) 500.590	370.00 24.950 66.440 19.250 19.950	14-8-72 2-7-73 25-8-73 25-1-74 1-3-74	" " " " "	5,80,898.65
Item 4 Chithalvetty (Punalur Dn.)	683.00 83.750 74.390	2-11-73 3-12-73 31-3-74	" " "	8,74,461.97
*** 841.140 831.185			"	** 5,629.12
Ranni Forest Division	13.011	15-9-77	"	

An area of 57 ha. under encroachment was not taken possession of the total of 131.590 ha.

The lease rent from 15-9-1977 to 31-3-1979 amounting to Rs 2894/- was paid as per chalan No 483 dated 5-7-78 of the State Bank of Travancore Punalur for Rs 1017/- and the amount shown is only the balance.

An area of 9.55 ha. (1.575 + 8.380 ha) was transferred to Kerala P W D during 12/76 as per G.O. MS 13/78/Agri.(General) Dated 6-5-78 on the following dates.  
1.575 ha on 21-12-76  
8.380 ha on 14-12-76  
9.955 ha. so the balance area at Chithalvetty is only 831.185 ha.

Item No. 5 Nilakkal (Ranni Dn)	110.520	20-10-71	Rs 125/ha/year	1,45,057.00
(An amount of Rs 2,831/- is due to the Forest Department from the Mannam Sugar Mills Co-op. Ltd as lease rent arrears for the period prior to 1971)				25,41,276.91
Total:	2471.306			3,08,913.25
Rent for 2471.306 from 1-4-82 to 31-3-83				28,63,190.16
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