



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Water Resources Department - Order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in O.A. (EKM) No. 67/2026 filed by Smt. Shooby K.Y. - complied with - order issued.

WATER RESOURCES (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.443/2026/WRD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02-06-2026

- Read
1. Order dated 10.03.2021 in O.A (EKM) 533 of 2021 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal
 2. Proceedings No. A5-16498/2021 dated 05.07.2021 of the Chief Engineer (I&A), Thiruvananthapuram
 3. Representation dated 15.11.2025 submitted by the applicant before Government
 4. Order dated 10.03.2026 in OA [EKM] 67 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal
 5. Letter No. CEIA/2517/2026-A5 dated 12.05.2026 from the Chief Engineer (I & A), Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

Smt. Shooby K.Y., a retired Draftsman Grade II of PVIP Subdivision No. 1, Bhoothathankettu, Ernakulam, filed O.A. (EKM) No. 67 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal, challenging the recovery of quarter rent arrears.

2. Smt. Shooby K.Y. was allotted a 'B' type quarter while serving as an Overseer Grade III in PVIP Subdivision No. 1, Bhoothathankettu, Ernakulam. Because 'C' type quarters were unavailable for her post, the Chief Engineer made the allotment on the condition that she pay standard rent. Initially, her House Rent Allowance (HRA) plus 2% of her basic pay was collected as rent. However, following an audit objection, the rent was refixed at 7% of her basic pay, and she remitted the resulting arrears of ₹98,432/- into the treasury. After remitting the arrears, Smt. Shooby K.Y. filed O.A. No. 533/2021 before the Hon'ble Tribunal seeking a refund of the amount. The Hon'ble Tribunal disposed of the O.A. as per the order read as 1st paper

above, directing the Chief Engineer (I&A) to consider her representation and pass orders within two months of receiving the copy of the order. Pursuant to this direction, the Chief Engineer issued the proceedings read as 2nd paper above, rejecting the applicant's representation.

3. Subsequently, the applicant submitted a representation, read as 3rd paper (Annexure-A8) above, before the First Respondent (Secretary, Water Resources Department). While this representation was under consideration, the applicant filed O.A. (EKM) No. 67/2026. The Hon'ble Tribunal disposed of the O.A. with a direction to the First Respondent to consider the Annexure-A8 representation and pass orders within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

4. As per the report of the Chief Engineer, among the quarters under the P.V.I.P. Division No. 1, Perumbavoor, 'B-Type' quarters are allotted to gazetted posts such as Assistant Engineers and Divisional Accounts Officers, while 'C-Type' quarters are allotted to Class III officials such as Clerks and Overseers. Because the applicant occupied a higher-category 'B-Type' quarter due to the non-availability of an eligible 'C-Type' quarter, she was liable to pay the standard rent or 7% of her basic pay instead of the lower rates she had remitted. Smt. Shooby K.Y. was therefore directed to remit the arrears strictly in accordance with the existing government orders.

5. The Government have examined the matter in detail. The applicant's request for a refund is found to be devoid of merit, and the representation submitted by her, read as 3rd paper above, is hereby rejected.

6. The Order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal read as 4th paper above is complied with accordingly.

(By order of the Governor)
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The Chief Engineer (I&A), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General(A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram/Thrissur.
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