



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department - Restoration of Agricultural lands in the Kavalappara land slide tragedy - constitution of the High level Committee as per the Judgement dated 01/02/2024 in WP(C) No. 15952/2021 and connected cases -Orders issued

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.826/2024/DMD Dated 29-10-2024,Thiruvananthapuram

Read: Judgement of Honorable High Court of Kerala dated 01/02/2024 in WP(C) No. 15952/2021 and connected cases

ORDER

Writ Petitions No 15995/2021 and other connected cases are filed by the petitioners who are affected in the landslide in Kavalappara in Nilambur Taluk on 08.08.2019. In the incident, 59 persons were died and out of the same only 48 bodies were recovered and 11 bodies were not recovered. The petitioners contention was that even though the Government has paid of Rs. 10 Lakh for the construction of residential house, they were not paid for the loss of agricultural lands and crops. The petitioners also wanted to restore their agricultural lands or to compensate the for the loss of agricultural land.

In the Judgment dated 01/02/2024 in the Writ Petitions, the Hon' ble High Court has directed to constitute a High level Committee, chaired by the Principal Secretary, Revenue department along with experts in the field of Geology, Hydrology, Agriculture and Disaster Management within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the judgement.

The Hon 'ble Court has further stated that on the Committee being so constituted, each of the petitioners shall be heard, along with others who are similarly situated, if they are so interested, a

final comprehensive plan to offer support to them either by restoration of agricultural land or by the way of appropriate compensation shall be recommended by the Committee to the Government within a period of two months there after. Further it has been ordered that on the receipt of the recommendation of the Committee, the Government shall take a final decision thereon as per the law within a period of three months thereafter.

In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to constitute the High level committee with the following members to prepare a comprehensive plan to support the victims of the landslide either by restoration of agricultural land or by the way of appropriate compensation.

1. Principal Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management-Chairperson
2. Dr. Aswathy S Nair, Agriculture Specialist, KSDMA
3. Smt. Reena Narayanan P K , District Geologist, Malappuaram
4. Shri. Sreejith A P, Hydro Geologist, District Office, Ground Water Department, Malappuram
5. The Principal Agricultural Officer, Malappuram

Thus the Judgement of Hon' ble High Court of Kerala dated 01/02/2024 in WP(C) No. 15952/2021 and connected cases is complied with.

(By order of the Governor)
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