



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Re-organisation of Block Panchayats – Headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat – Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court – Fixation of Kulanada as the Headquarters, on a temporary basis – Orders issued.

**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EM) DEPARTMENT**

G.O(Rt) No. 3379/10/LSGD

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated, 30/10/2010.

Read:- 1) GO (MS) No. 139/2010/LSGD dated, 02/07/2010:

(Notified as SRO No. 659/2010)

2) WP(C) No. 22415/2010 filed by Shri. K.V. Prabha.

3) Judgment dated, 19/08/2010 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No. 22415/2010 and WP(C) No. 19662/2010.

**ORDER**

As per Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> above, Government have re-organised the Block Panchayats in the State. As part of the re-organisation, geographically contiguous Block Panchayats, having three or less constituent Grama Panchayats in their jurisdiction, have been integrated. Accordingly, Pandalam and Kulanada Block Panchayats have been integrated, fixing Kulanada as the Headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat.

2. However, some Writ Petitions including the one read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above, have been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, challenging the Government decision in fixing the headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat as Kulanada. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in its judgment read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above, allowed the Writ Petition No. 22415/2010, filed by Shri. K.V. Prabha. The Government notification read as 1<sup>st</sup> above, in so far as it fixes the headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat, was also quashed by the Hon'ble Court. The Court further ordered that the judgment would not stand in the way of the Government in initiating any fresh proposal for fixing the Headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(2) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act. Now the Government are taking steps for fixing the headquarters of the Pandalam Block Panchayat, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard Government have already consulted the previous Committees of the Local Governments concerned. Government feel that it is proper to have consultation in this matter with the newly elected Committees of the Local Governments concerned after their assuming office.

3. As scheduled, the newly elected committees in the Local Governments in the State, are to take office on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010, after the General Election. For the purpose of making and subscribing oath or affirmation of the newly elected members and for holding the meetings of the Block Panchayat, headquarters is to be specified, for the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat.

4. In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to fix Kulanada, temporarily as the Headquarters of the integrated Pandalam Block Panchayat. A final decision regarding the fixation of the Headquarters of the Pandalam Block Panchayat will be taken, after due process of law, as laid down in Section 4(2) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, in accordance with the directions of Hon'ble High Court.

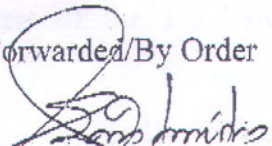
(By Order of the Governor)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

To

The Secretary, State Election Commission, Kerala.  
The Returning Officer, Pandalam Block Panchayat, Pathanamthitta.  
The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The District Collector, Pathanamthitta.  
The Assistant Development Commission (G1), Pathanamthitta.  
The Secretary, Pandalam/Kulanada Block Panchayat, Pathanamthitta.  
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