



# POLICE DEPARTMENT KERALA

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## **Circular No. 22/2020/PHQ**

**Sub: Planting new trees in Police Compounds/Land/Premises - Reg.**

Read: 1) PHQ Circular No.68/1968 dtd 15/03/1968.  
2) PHQ Circular No.12/2009 dtd 12/03/2009.  
3) PHQ Circular No.34/2010 dtd 08/07/2010.

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In Kerala, at present there are 484 nos of Law & Order Police Stations. Many other Police Offices also function at different places. Therefore, land under the ownership of Police Department is available in many places across the State. Battalions, AR Camps and Police Quarters occupy large areas of land which have vacant land also. About 30 years back, many of the Police land were full of huge trees like Coconut trees, Anjili, Teakwood, Jackfruit trees, Mango trees etc. But many of the trees have fallen down due to natural calamities and due to the age of the trees.

**02.** In modernization programmes, many new Police Offices and Police Stations have started functioning; many buildings were constructed by cutting the trees from the Police land. Many Parade grounds, play grounds etc. were also constructed for physical activities/training of Police Personnel. Therefore, the number of live trees in Police land has come down.

**03.** At present, so many requests are received from various units to Police Headquarters for getting sanction to cut and remove trees, either for construction purpose or due to the decayed condition of the trees or to prevent danger posed by such tree(s). While we are ready to cut trees in the **exceptional circumstances**, at the same time, the members of the Police force should be equally ready to plant new trees. Therefore, all Unit Heads should carry out the following instructions whenever they forward a request for cutting trees on the Police land.

- i) The value, quality of the tree, which is decided to cut and removed, should be evaluated by the Forest Department.

- ii) The Unit Heads/SHO concerned shall plant five (5) new trees instead of the one (1) old tree which is to be cut and removed for any of the purpose mentioned above.
  - iii) If any Police land is found without trees, we must plant new trees, especially fruit bearing and economically valuable trees like Coconut tree, Mango tree, Jackfruit tree, Teakwood and other shade trees. The seedlings can be collected from Agricultural Department or Forest Department.
  - iv) Proper wetting and caring should be done by Police Officials for the growth of trees. Even NGOs and other Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings to be encouraged for planting of trees on Police land.
  - v) If any tree is in a dangerous situation, the Unit Head should seek the help of the Forest Officials, as to how it can be managed without uprooting the tree. Only when the Forest Officials suggest cutting and removing, then steps in this regard to be taken.
  - vi) Photographs and Videographs of the process of cutting and planting should be taken before cutting the old trees and after planting the new ones. Every request to cut and remove the old trees should be accompanied by photographs of the trees.
  - vii) All Unit Heads should count the number of trees in Police land and record in Auction Register maintained at DPO/Police Offices. Big trees will bear numbers on the trunks.
- 04.** Planting of new trees is not only beneficial to the environment but also brings income to Department in due course. Let us make Police land green everywhere.

  
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