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Kerala State Land Bank

The Government has initiated a new concept called Kerala State Land Bank for the scientific inventorisation and professional management of Government lands. It is a new aspect of land management whereby the Government will be formulating means and measures for the overall control on encroachments and rational use of Government lands for meeting the developmental as well as social obligations of lands in future. The Department of Revenue is the custodian of the Land Bank. Various types of lands such as Poromboke Land, Tharisu Land, Surplus Land, Escheated Land, Bought in land etc will be deposited in the Land Bank. So far 1,39,000 acres of land has been inventorised and accounted in the Land Bank. The Chief Minister has

inaugurated the functioning of the Land Bank on 17.02.2010.

Bhoomi Keralam Project

Bhoomi Keralam is a new project, which started functioning in the fourth year of the Government. The aims and objective of this project is to complete the re-survey of entire State within a specified time frame. Sophisticated equipments such as Aerial Photogrammetry and modern technology like GPS will be utilised in the project. Expertise developed by the Survey of India will also be adopted for taking up the re-survey. Completion of survey of forest land in 12 districts of the State to allot land to the tribal families under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been given top most priority under the project and the work is

nearing completion. Establishing ground control points through out the State; developing software required for the preparation of fresh resurvey and updating of survey records; and taking up pilot projects in selected villages and then to crystalise the parameters for further scaling up in other parts of the district in the first phase and subsequently to the entire State are the main activities envisaged under the Bhoomi Keralam project.

Computerisation of Land Records

Under the National Land Records Modernisation Programme Government have started computerisation of land records in the State. The aim of the project is to co-ordinate activities of the revenue, survey and registration departments to deliver efficient and transparent service to public and to curb malpractices in land dealings. As the first phase of the programme, computerisation of land records have been completed in the districts of Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta and

Kottayam. The data entry and validation of entries is completed already and the details are hosted in the website. The second phase of the computerisation activities is progressing in Kollam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad and Wayanad districts, to be completed by the middle of this year. Remaining districts will be covered as the third phase of the programme.

State Disaster Management Authority

In accordance with the National Disaster Management Authority Act, the Government has established a State Disaster Management Authority with the Chief Minister as the Chairman. The Authority has given shape to the State's disaster management policy and formulated disaster management plans for each district. It is actively co-ordinating activities of various government departments and stakeholders in the prevention and mitigation of natural and man made disasters.