

**Project Report on**  
**PUBLIC LAND PROTECTION FORCE [PLPF]**

The Public Land Protection Force [PLPF] has been suggested in the plan period 2011-12 towards accomplishing the following objectives;

- ✓ To act as supporting staff of the District Collector in physically evicting the encroachments on call
- ✓ To act as surveillance staff of Government lands as a routine affair
- ✓ To act as deterrent force against the encroachments on public lands

The force is to be primarily formed of Ex Service men and it is planned to form the first batch of 30 personnel for Idukki district. They will be deployed under the Sub Collectors of Idukki [10 numbers] and Devikulam [20 numbers]. These 30 personnel will be under the direct control of three platoon heads, who will be selected by the Commissioner of Land Revenue based on their rank in the Armed Forces.

**THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FORCE**

- The member of PLPF should maintain highest level of discipline and integrity under their platoon head, which they have been maintaining in the armed forces.
- They should be available on call 24 X 7

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- As a routine they should make surveillance of 150 Government land parcels in a month at least 3 in a day under their assigned jurisdiction and should sign the BEAT REGISTERS kept near the land parcels preferably in the adjoining households.
- On detection of fresh encroachments the member of PLPF should physically remove the same after informing the same to the Platoon Head.
- During performance of duties the member of PLPF should be in uniform and civil dress is not allowed during the action or surveillance
- They should undergo an induction training for two days at O/o KSLB before the Passing Out parade
- There will not be any transfers outside the district except under unavoidable circumstances
- On detection of encroachments which are non-removable, a case should be registered against the encroacher at the local police station under the KLC [Amended] Act, 2009. It will be applicable to the member of force if any connivance or dereliction is proved on account of any encroachment of public land in the Beat Area, which will be assigned.

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- The services of the member of PLPF can be terminated by the Commissioner of Land Revenue without any notice on recommendation of the District Collector. However, if any member of PLPF wants to quit the job, he should intimate the same through an advance notice of one month to the Commissioner of Land Revenue, forwarded through the Platoon Head, to make alternate arrangements. An agreement to this effect need to be executed in Rs.50 stamp paper before joining the PLPF.
- On termination of services, all the powers including the uniforms will be taken back from the incumbent

PLPF is being introduced on an experimental basis at present and if the same is proved effective, it will be expanded to other districts as well.

### **PRIVILEGES FOR THE FORCE**

The member of PLPF is given the following privileges;

- ❖ The inestimable social recognition as a member of prestigious PLPF
- ❖ Power to book cognizable offence under the CrPC after getting consent from Law Department

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- ❖ Disciplined and active life even after retirement from the force
- ❖ A daily allowance of Rs.350
- ❖ Uniform during the tenure as a member of PLPF

### CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

The Government has already taken a policy decision to form the PLPF, the following activities were carried out towards forming the Force during the current plan period itself as per the DPR submitted for 2011-12 period.

- ✓ As the force has been planned for Idukki district, the list of 115 Ex Service men were collected from District Employment Officer vide his letter number C1/06-12/12 dated 28.01.12.
- ✓ Interview cards were sent on 03.02.12 as registered posts to all the 115 personnel towards selecting 30 personnel.
- ✓ 3 number of cards were returned as addresses were not correct. Got back the acknowledgement of 86 personnel
- ✓ The interview Board with Commissioner of Land Revenue as Chairperson, Joint Commissioner, Senior Finance Officer and Assistant Commissioner[RE] was constituted as per proceedings number LR (J8) 5028/11 dated 16.02.12

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- ✓ 18 people appeared for the interview on 17.02.2012 and only 17 attended the interview.
- ✓ The Interview Board selected only 15 personnel for forming the First Batch of 15 persons [List enclosed]
- ✓ They were given training at O/o Kerala State Land Bank and Institute of Land & Disaster Management on 21.02.2012 and 22.02.2012.
- ✓ Obtained an undertaking in Rs.50 stamp paper [Copy enclosed] after the training
- ✓ Received letter number 592[8]/EL4/2012/Elec. dated 18.02.2012 from Election Department stating that, the Model Code of Conduct is applicable only to Ernakulam District and we can go ahead with the programme of PLPF

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FORCE FOR THE NEXT ONE YEAR**

The PLPF has been planned on experimental basis at Idukki for the period 2011-12 for the next one year. The anticipated expenditure for the force for the next one year include the following;

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Sl.No.	Item of expenditure	Amount in lakhs
1	Expenditure connected with training of 15 persons	0.10
2	Expenditure towards Uniforms, Boots, Combat Canes , Badges etc.	0.25
3	Expenditure towards daily wage @ Rs.350 per day for next 365 days for 15 personnel [Rs.350 X 15 persons X 365 days]	19.15
4	Unforeseen expenditures	0.50
<b>Total Anticipated Expenditure for the next one year</b>		<b>20.00 lakhs</b>

### SOURCE OF FUNDS

As this expenditure forms part of the already submitted DPR for the year 2011-12 and which is under the consideration of Finance Department as per GO[Ms]303/2011/RD dated 11.08.2011, this part of D.P.R may be approved. As it has been planned to have the passing out parade of the Force by the end of February, Administrative Sanction may be accorded at an early date.

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