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CHIEF MINISTER

CM/RES/399/2021



VIDHANA SODHAK
BENGALURU - 560 001

Date : 28/06/20

Dear Sir,

Sub:-Request not to change the names of villages in
Manjeshwara and Kasargod District of Kerala State

The Kannada speaking areas of Kasargod District, in which Manjeshwara and Kasargod are situated are famous for their traditional culture and historical background.

Names of the villages in Kasargod and Manjeshwara are very close to the emotions of people and carry immense sentimental value to them from time immemorial.

Hence, it is very astonishing to note that in the recent past there is an attempt by the local bodies to change names of some villages without giving any opportunity to the residents of these areas to express their views. The change of villages names would affect the feelings of the people and their sentiments detrimentally. This would also destroy Kannada and Tulu culture, which is in existence since very long. The list of changes of names of villages are as below:

Present Names of Villages	Changed Names	Present Names of Villages	Changed Names
Madhuru	Madhuram	Karadka	Kadagam
Malla	Mallam	Bedadka	Bedagam
Pilikunje	Pulikunnu	Anebagilu	Anevagil
Manjeshwara	Manjeshwaram	Hosadurga	Pudiyakota
Kumble	Kumbla	Sasihitku	Shaivalapp
Nellikunja	Nellikunnu	Kumble	Kumbala

The act of changing names of these villages would cause deep anguish within the community living there, and this may affect the harmony, comity and brotherhood amongst the Kannada and Malayalam speaking public.

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The existing names were predominantly from Kannada and Tulu languages. In some places, it is a mixture of Kannada and Tulu names. Some of the names of these villages have a long history of several centuries.

Many representatives of various active Kannada cultural institutions have given representations to the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority requesting to stall the decision of making changes to the names of these villages.

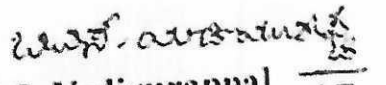
In view of the above facts, I request you to kindly reconsider the proposed decision of changing names of some villages in Kasargod and Manjeshwara Taluks of Kasargod district in Kerala State.

I also feel that Kerala Government may not have the intention to change the names of these villages and this may have been a unilateral decision of the local bodies of these villages.

I do hope your kindness would oblige and make the Kannada speaking people of Kasargod and Manjeshwara happy by taking a decision to stall the process of changing the names of the aforementioned villages in Kasargod and Manjeshwara Taluks in Kasargod District.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely,


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Chief Minister

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