



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

General Administration (Services-D) Department

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From

The Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Assistant Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities
Ministry of Minority Affairs,
Government of India, Southern Zone,
Rajaji Bhavan, E-Wing,
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Sir,

Sub: GAD - Implementation of safeguards of Kannada linguistic minorities in Kasaragod district - reg.

- Ref: (1) Letter No. 5/3/2021-130 from the Assistant Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities dated 19/07/2021 enclosing the e-mail representation by Sri. Subramanya B N dated 16/07/2021.
- (2) Letter No. KBADA/A/2021-22/10 from the Dr. C. Somasekhara IAS (r), Chairman, Karnataka Border Area Development Authority, Govt. of Karnataka dated 30/07/2021.
- (3) Letter No. KDA/C/995/2021 from the Sri. T.S. Nagabharana, Chairman, Kannada Development Authority, Govt. of Karnataka dated 17/08/2021.
- (4) Letter No. DCKSGD/6748/2021-M2 from the District Collector, Kasaragod, dated 04/12/2021.

I am directed to invite your attention to the reference cited. As per letter under reference 4th cited, the District Collector Kasaragod has reported that as per the Government order for usage of Malayalam language for official purposes, Malayalam language is mostly used in Kasaragod district offices. It is also reported that a Kannada and Malayalam knowing clerk has been appointed in the Office of the District Police Chief, in order to deal with Kannada language. The grievances of Kannada linguistic minorities in Kasaragod district are being resolved through Additional SP, Sri. Harishchandra Naik. It is also informed that a Kannada-speaking

police officer has been posted at each police station in the areas where the Kannada-speaking minorities reside, and complaints received in the Kannada language are formally resolved and the service of such police officers are utilised for helping the linguistic minorities. It is also reported that in the sign boards of police stations, name of the police stations are written in Kannada language and directions have been issued to display the rate chart in Kannada for public at all Akshaya Centers in Kasaragod and Manjeswaram Taluk limits and the Kerala State IT Mission Director will be informed about the inclusion of Kannada language in the e-District Portal.

The District Collector, Kasaragod has also reported that there is a shortage of teachers who are proficient in Kannada language, in Kannada medium schools in the areas bordering Karnataka. It is informed that the Deputy Director of Education has reported that appointment of teachers who do not know Kannada are strictly avoided in such areas. It has also been reported that in Kannada medium schools in linguistic minority areas, linguistic minority students are neither barred from learning their mother tongue nor forced to learn Malayalam and such allegations are completely baseless. It is also informed that Malayalam language is also being taught in Kannada medium schools in linguistic minority areas as per the Government Order declaring Malayalam Language (Compulsory Language) Bill 2017. Learning Malayalam along with Kannada at an early age helps the students in the linguistic minority areas to take part in various competitive examinations conducted by the Government of Kerala and to facilitate their job opportunities.

Yours Faithfully,
B R Yamuna
2021 Special Secretary
For Principal Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue,

Narasimha

Section Officer.

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