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# KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY



## KELSA - A WINDOW TO LEGAL SERVICES

**April 2004 - July 2004**



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#### Men at work in Kerala State Legal Services Authority

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| 1. | Hon. Mr. Justice N.K.Sodhi          | - | Hon'ble the Chief Justice High Court of Kerala. (Patron-in-Chief, KELSA) |
| 2. | Hon. Mr. Justice K.A.Abdul Gafoor   | - | Executive Chairman, KELSA.   |
| 3. | Sri. U.Sarathchandran (Dist. Judge) | - | Member Secretary, KELSA.   |

#### Present Staff working in Kerala State Legal Services Authority

1. Sri. V.D.Jose, Asst.Gr-1
2. Sri. E.K.Sukumar, Asst.Gr.I.
3. Smt. M.A.Alice, Confidential Assistant Gr.I.
4. Sri. K.M.Ansari, Peon.
5. Smt. Salmath, Part-time Sweeper.
6. Driver on daily wages.

#### Sanctioned Posts in Kerala State Legal Services Authority

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|-----|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1.  | Liaison Officer             | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 2.  | Joint Secretary             | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 3.  | Section Officer             | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 4.  | Accounts Officer            | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 5.  | Assistant Grade I           | - | 4 - Only 2 filled up   |
| 6.  | Confidential Assistant Gr.I | - | 1 - Filled up          |
| 7.  | Typist Gr.II                | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 8.  | Driver                      | - | 1 - Now on daily wages |
| 9.  | Peons                       | - | 3 - Only 1 filled up   |
| 10. | Watchman                    | - | 1 - Not filled up      |
| 11. | Part-time Sweeper           | - | 1 - Filled up          |

### **Litigation-free and Crime-free Zones**

It was in pursuance of the mandates of Section 7 (c) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, KELSA decided to undertake preventive and strategic legal aid programmes. Attempts to create "litigation free zones" and "crime free zones" were made by KELSA with the help of its accredited organizations and local bodies. One of such events that took place during this quarter was the attempt made by "Jananeethi", a Thrissur based Non-Governmental Organization accredited by KELSA. With the active co-operation of KELSA Jananeethi has completed all steps to declare Mullakara, the 12<sup>th</sup> division of Thrissur Corporation as litigation-free and legally literate village. The programme is scheduled to be conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2004 to be declared by the Chief Justice of Kerala.

Yet another major step in litigation-free areas is the attempts made by the Cheriyannadu Panchayat in Mavelikkara Taluk to declare the Cheriyannadu Panchayat as litigation free. The Panchayat has formed a conciliation committee. The TLSCs of Chengannur & Mavelikkara Taluks work shoulder to shoulder with the Cheriyannadu Panchayat to declare Cheriyannadu litigation free. They expect to get the declaration by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004.

DLSA Kasargod is now all set to declare Kaliyoor, Koliyoor, Meenja, Thalakkala and Klayikkode villages as litigation free. Formal declaration will be made in the month of November/December. The districts like Kollam and Kozhikkode are also taking earnest steps in this regard. One village each in Wayanad, Idukki, Emakulam and Trichur were already declared litigation-free Zone.

### **In pursuit of the Constitutional goal- Legal aid**

There are not many takers for free legal aid in the State of Kerala. This is a paradox as the KELSA, DLSAs and TLSCs are prepared to foot the bills of litigation for the deserving persons. KELSA has decided to give wide publicity to Legal Aid programmes to attract more beneficiaries. Nonetheless, 345 persons including women, children, SCs and STs received free legal aid during this quarter. It is worth noticing that the *incarcerated* in jails formed a major part of the beneficiaries. KELSA has issued directions to the jail authorities to submit monthly statistics of the detainees in need of legal aid to the DLSAs. Demand for legal aid by children as well as SC/ST persons were very low.



### **Legal aid Clinics**

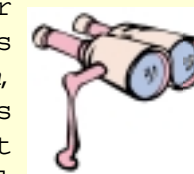
KELSA plans to set up at least one legal aid clinic in each Block Panchayat. The TLSCs & DLSAs have been urged to contact the Panchayats in their jurisdiction in this regard. If the Panchayats provide one room and the required furniture (one table and 4 chairs), KELSA can start legal aid clinics with the help of experienced lawyers. One such clinic was opened in Kozhencherry Thaluk in Pathanamthitta District. The first one started in Perinthalmanna is still functioning well.

### **Environment day observed - KLSA with a green thumb**

Most of the DLSAs and TLSCs observed the world environment day on the 5th June 2004. Workshops on environmental laws were conducted and saplings were planted as a part of greening the environment.

### **Looking forward. . . .**

DLSAs had a tough time during the period April 2004 -July 2004. Organising classes for women students in the Arts & Science Colleges and for the 9<sup>th</sup> standard students in all the schools in the State was 'hard' labour for them. Printing and distributing 6 lakh copies of *Niyamapadam*, one-lakh copies of *Lessons in Law* to the students with the aid of N.S.S. Programme Coordinators was indeed herculean task. KELSA has been the flagship with its helping hands to support DLSAs and TLSCs. No doubt KELSA has plans to carry forward its mission of legal services, legal aid and the preventive and strategic legal aid programmes. It looks forward to a more down- to- earth and anthropo-centric projects. Legal literacy to the members of Kudumbasree units shall be one of them.



### **A word of gratitude:**

The entire credit to the achievements during the period goes to the DLSAs and TLSCs, the Accredited Organisations and legal service activists, including lawyers, all over the State. Without their ardent support and co-operation, nothing could have been achieved. KELSA folds its hands, sincerely, with gratitude.



ducted in Kerala out of which, 58 Adalats are to the credit of Thrissur DLSA. Out of the 5357 pending cases referred to the Mega Adalats, 1187 cases were settled. The Statistics below indicate the commitment and devotion exhibited by the Judicial Officers in the Mega Adalats during this quarter.

### "Catch them young". The lamps of legal literacy.

The traditional mode of spreading legal literacy has been to conduct legal literacy classes in villages and at the doorsteps of the common people living in villages and remote areas. This, however, did not produce the desired results. Perhaps the high level of literacy and unemployment in Kerala was the reason. Therefore, KESLA thought it fit to sow the seeds of legal literacy in the minds of the adolescent and adult students studying in the High Schools and under graduate classes in the Arts & Science Colleges respectively. The inspiration was nothing but shaping the young and exposing them to the laws of the land, which they have to follow, in the future. The legally literate and law abiding future generation can definitely lead a better life armed with the knowledge of legal rights and duties. DLSA Kollam was the foremost in organizing legal literacy camps in college level.



KESLA has printed and published about 6 lakh copies of lesson of law ("*Niyamapaddam*") in Malayalam. They were supplied free of cost to the 9<sup>th</sup> standard students in the High Schools all over Kerala. The teachers of Social Science have been given special orientation to equip them to handle the topics in "*Niyamapaddam*". They taught the lessons described in "*Niyamapaddam*" to the 9<sup>th</sup> standard students. The Kasargode DLSA has prepared a Kannada version of *Niyamapaddam* for the Kannada medium schools in that district. They conducted a centralized orientation course for two days for Social Studies teachers of the High schools. DLSA, Manjeri has conducted a quiz competition based on "*Niyamapaddam*".

### "Niyamapaddam" - digitalized

The reader "*Niyamapaddam*" has been converted into digital form in an interactive CD. This CD costing Rs.280/- has been prepared in an attractive manner and is indeed an audiovisual feast for the young minds. A short interactive quiz at the end of the CD is designed for an enjoyable self-assessment of the lessons one learns from the reader. The Director of Public Instructions of the Government of Kerala has approved this CD as well as the teaching of "*Niyamapaddam*". They are followed in all schools.



### "Lessons in Law" - women empowerment through legal literacy

Imparting of legal literacy to the women students in the undergraduate classes of Arts & Science Colleges in Kerala was aimed at women empowerment through legal awareness. Apart from the objective of demystifying law, these undergraduate students who are in the thresholds of their social and family life are given general awareness on the law relating to women. The reader *Lessons in Law* deals with the various laws relating to marriage, inheritance, pregnancy and motherhood. Salient provisions of criminal law pertaining to women and other laws affecting the day-to-day life of women in family and social environment form part of this handy compendium.



One lakh copies of *Lessons in Law* have been distributed to the targeted group of women students with the active co-operation of the N.S.S. Programme Coordinators of the 5 Universities in Kerala. Experts and senior lawyers conducted the classes on the various topics included in the reader. The classes commenced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. This project of KESLA was received well by women students in the Arts and Science Colleges. Their response was quite overwhelming. The boys are also demanding classes for them..

### Legal literacy camps..... an on going programme

Despite the paradigm shift in focusing legal literacy to the educational institutions like schools and colleges, KESLA has not withdrawn its activities of conducting legal literacy camps in villages and remote areas. The TLSCs have been instructed to conduct at least one legal literacy camp in every quarter of the year. TLSCs Kozhichery, Thiruvalla, Mananthavady, Tinur have already conducted such legal literacy camps during this quarter. The early onset of monsoon rains has been the only discouraging factor for organising such camps. Nevertheless, DLSAs and TLSCs have been urged to organise more legal awareness camps in the forthcoming quarter, braving the adverse weather. The legal literacy classes have covered during this period about **7.5 lakh** persons.



## KESLA - A Window to Legal Services

April 2004 - July 2004

The last four-month period witnessed a flurry of activities- a beehive of spirited services in KESLA. The men and women behind KESLA-a skeleton staff- worked hard during the period. The programmes were all designed originally during the last year. But we could complete them now. A sigh of satisfaction! The routine Lok Adalats and legal literacy programmes were taken up satisfactorily well. The legal literacy programmes consist of kindling legal awareness among girl students in colleges and among school children. Two hundred and thirty four colleges were covered. The services rendered for the project by *Niyama Sameeksha, People's Council for Social Justice, Samatha Law Society, Indian Federation of Women Lawyers (Kerala Branch), Rajagiri Legal aid Cell* and *Amrita Kripa Neeti Pratishthan* have to be acknowledged with gratitude. The programme of KESLA also benefited almost six lakhs of 9<sup>th</sup> standard students in over 2500 high schools.

### The Keralites take ADR close to their hearts

Law's delay is proverbial. Delay erodes credibility of the justice delivery system. No wonder that people the world over happily resort to ADR. The traditional dispute resolution of our country was by the peer groups like elders of the panchayath. The present adalat system is a modified version incorporating judicial, professional and social elements. This system is in its institutionalized form in Lok Adalats envisaged in the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987.

There is no gainsaying of the fact that wide publicity campaign was made by KESLA in order to make the people realise the benefits of Lok Adalats. Now that the Bar Council has called off its non-cooperation with the activities of Legal Services Authorities, the legal men will enter into a new phase with more co-operation. There is going to be a further rejuvenation at district and thaluk levels. The down-to-earth efforts of the Judicial Officers in Kerala to settle cases through Lok Adalats were fruitful. Wholehearted support of the lawyers shall add more strength.

The table below reveals the performance of the Lok Adalats and the acceptability of ADR.

Table I

Consolidated Statement of LOK Adalats																01/04/04 To 31/07/04		
DISTRICT	DISIRICT		No. of Cases Considered							No of Cases Settled							Amount Awarded	
	Adalats	Benches	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total		
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	80	82	13	2626	0	0	116	0	2755	3	309	0	0	54	0	366	2481940.00	
KOLAM	47	49	168	671	145	0	165	0	1149	58	71	51	0	55	0	235	12460000.00	
PATHANAMTHITTA	87	88	35	1019	0	0	214	5	1273	4	148	0	0	157	1	310	205000.00	
ALAPPUZHA	123	142	154	1919	0	2	250	16	2341	25	257	0	0	58	7	347	0.00	
KOTTAYAM	55	69	62	299	49	154	208	0	772	12	52	24	34	32	0	154	475000.00	
IDUKKI	46	47	6	1437	0	0	57	0	1500	2	369	0	0	10	0	381	356250.00	
ERNAKULAM	48	49	318	482	1	0	859	26	1686	21	92	0	0	55	4	172	49500.00	
THRISSUR	21	21	109	95	0	0	107	0	311	49	7	0	0	32	0	88	0.00	
PALAKKAD	14	14	0	154	27	0	4	0	185	0	23	6	0	0	0	29	111300.00	
MALAPPURAM	24	24	18	227	65	0	32	7	349	5	46	42	0	4	1	98	3672400.00	
KOZHIKODE	21	21	220	59	0	0	41	2	322	23	15	0	0	4	0	42	0.00	
WAYANAD	8	8	11	20	0	1	70	0	102	4	1	0	1	27	0	33	0.00	
KANNUR	22	22	0	322	0	0	0	0	322	0	33	0	0	0	0	33	0.00	
KASARAGOD	58	58	3	322	667	4	31	0	127	1	58	233	0	16	0	308	9190784.00	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
TOTAL	654	694	1117	9652	954	161	2154	56	14094	207	1481	356	35	504	13	2596	17788174.00	

JUSTICE N. SANTOSH HEGDE  
Judge  
Supreme Court of India



10, Tees January Marg,  
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August 3, 2004.

Dear Judge,

Thank you very much for your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 enclosing a copy of "Lessons in Law" published by the Kerala State Legal Services Authority. I am really impressed with the good work that is being done by the Kerala State Legal Services Authority in spreading legal literacy amongst sections of the society which deserves it the most. From your letter as well as from the booklet I find the authority has been doing excellent work in the field of women empowerment also. I assure you that the National Legal Services Authority will give all its encouragement and help in making the efforts of KESLA a success.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
  
(N.Santosh Hegde)

Mr. Justice K.A. Abdul Gaffor,  
Executive Chairman,  
Kerala State Legal Services Authority,  
Asoka Road, Kaloork,  
Kochi.

A pat from Justice Santhosh Hegde  
Judge, Supreme Court and the Executive Chairman,  
National Legal Services Authority

## Pre-litigation petitions - an alternative course of Action.....

Settlement of disputes through the institutionalised fora of Lok Adalats has come to stay in our judicial set up. The general public gets opportunity to settle their disputes in the least expensive manner. ADR brings quick results. This is possible when pre-litigation petitions are referred by the DLSAs and TLSCs to the Lok Adalats. The mediated settlement in the shape of a mutually agreed award has the status of the decree of a court. Both parties leave the venue of Adalats happily in a win-win mood and not in a win-loose situation with heartburn and strain on their purses.

Motor Accident Claims Tribunals are overburdened. Banks and other financial institutions are storehouses of litigation. The alternative system of pre-litigation petitions can change the scenario. It is heartening to see that in

most pre-litigation matters lawyers come and help the parties by drafting petitions and rendering legal advice. The statistics above show that there has been an increase in pre-litigation matters dealt with by the Lok Adalats.

### An impetus to Public Interest- the Lok Adalat experience of the Karthikappally Taluk.

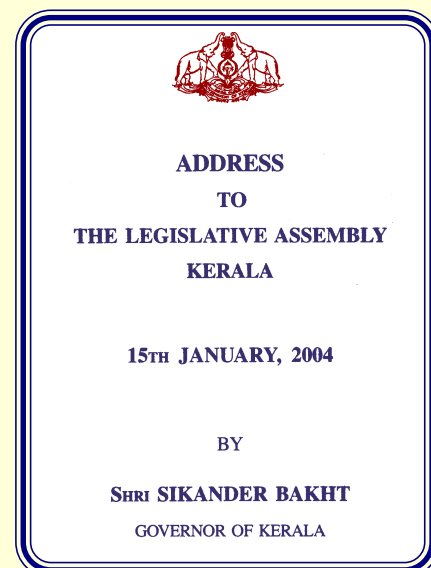
Karthikappally is a simple, nondescript coastal area. However the people became beneficiaries of the pro-active steps undertaken by the TLSC. This was achieved by certain well-planned strategies by Sri.S.H. Panchapakesan, Judicial First Class Magistrate who is the chairman of TLSC. Awards in Pre-litigation petitions are notable. Local authorities, government departments and other public institutions can be awakened from their slumber and invigorated to perform their duties. The list of public interest achievements by

the Karthikappally Taluk through Lok Adalats is an eye-opener and a model.

### Special Criminal Lok Adalats

Criminal cases create tension and anxiety in litigants. The long wait in the courts is painful. The anxiety on what would happen worries not only the accused but also the witnesses. The Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 made it possible to settle compoundable criminal cases through Lok Adalats. The litigants in criminal cases had a sigh of relief!

The indefatigable judicial officers in Kerala spent their mid summer recess not in the cozy summer resorts or homes; but they worked hard imbibing the message of Lok Adalats. They settled a reasonably large number of compoundable criminal cases. There were 895 Special Criminal Lok Adalats during the summer recess 2004. 3056 cases were settled. Still there are more. The total cases referred were 19,380.



"For a highly literate State like Kerala, the Alternate Dispute Redressal Mechanism through a system of Lok Adalats affords a practical solution to the vexed problem of mounting arrears in courts. The Kerala State Legal Services Authority intends to get at least three villages in each District declared as 'Litigation Free Zones/ Crime Free Zones....'"



### Achievements of Karthikappally Taluk Legal Services Committee

- I P.L.P. 4/03**
- 1). A Private Bus stand will be inaugurated soon.
  - 2). A waiting shed was constructed at the expenses of the Rotary Club, Haripad.
  - 3). Traffic sign boards and road signals were installed by P.W.D. (N.H.).
  - 4). A public comfort station was built in the Private Bus stand, Haripad.
  - 5). Four sodium vapor lamps were installed at Haripad Junction with the co-operation of the traders.
  - 6). Four sodium vapor lamps were installed at Haripad Junction with the co-operation of the Corporation Bank, Muthukulam Branch.
- II P.L.P.5/03**
- 1). The Grama Panchayat, Haripad, implemented "Clean Haripad Town Project".
  - 2). The Grama Panchayat, built a public comfort station in the premises of Civil Station, Haripad.
  - 3). A waiting shed was built at the Sub Treasury, Haripad for the benefit of the pensioners who come there.
- III P.L.P. 11/04**
- 1). A Public well was constructed near the Western Nada of Haripad Subramanya Swamy Temple.
- IV P.L.P.20/03**
- 1). 36 Sodium vapor lamps were installed at Nangiarkulangara Junction at the expense of NIPCC
  - 2). A waiting shed was constructed at Nangiarkulangara Junction.
  - 3). Another waiting shed was constructed at Nangiarkulangara at the expense of Rotary Club, Haripad for the benefit of passengers towards Mavelikara.

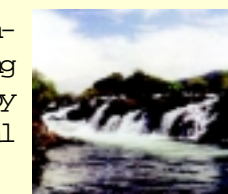
Table II

Consolidated Statement of SPECIAL CRIMINAL Adalat held between 12/04/04 - 15/05/04																		
DISTRICT	DISTRICT		No. of Cases Considered							No of Cases Settled							Amount Awarded	
	Adalats	Benches	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total		
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	92	92	0	3064	0	0	0	0	3064	0	341	0	0	0	0	341	90385.00	
KOLAM	105	105	17	3115	0	0	118	0	3250	2	442	0	0	28	0	472	0.00	
PATHANAMTHITTA	59	59	0	920	0	0	11	5	936	0	111	0	0	5	1	117	0.00	
ALAPPUZHA	40115	115	0	2639	0	0	0	0	2639	0	280	0	0	0	0	180	0.00	
KOTTAYAM	4	4	0	32	0	0	0	0	32	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	3337.00	
IDUKKI	110	116	0	3412	0	0	0	0	3412	0	823	0	0	0	0	823	0.00	
ERNAKULAM	100	100	0	2131	0	0	0	21	2152	0	358	0	0	0	7	365	16150.00	
THRISSUR	50	50	15	1045	0	0	54	0	1114	2	143	0	0	0	0	145	0.00	
PALAKKAD	9	9	0	96	0	0	0	0	96	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	5800.00	
MALAPPURAM	46	46	0	279	0	0	0	0	279	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	0.00	
KOZHICODE	46	46	0	337	0	0	0	0	337	0	107	0	0	0	0	107	0.00	
WAYANAD	69	69	0	1257	0	0	0	0	1257	0	281	0	0	0	0	281	39020.00	
KANNUR	44	44	0	758	0	0	0	1	759	0	63	0	0	0	0	63	8100.00	
KASARAGOD	46	46	0	295	0	0	0	0	295	0	56	0	0	0	0	56	0.00	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19622</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3056</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3101</b>	<b>162792.00</b>	

### Hats off to DLSA, Idukki ...

Special mention is to be made of DLSA, Idukki. Idukki has geographical and climatic constraints. DLSA, Idukki settled 823 criminal cases in the Special Criminal Lok Adalats held during the summer recess 2004. Sri. Jhony Sebastian, the then Chairman Peermade TLSC assisted by his colleagues was responsible for settling a good number of criminal cases in the Special Criminal Adalat.

Others too deserve mention. DLSAs of Kollam and Ernakulam stood next to Idukki DLSA. The Thiruvananthapuram DLSA too have held their heads high in this drive. It is notable that besides criminal cases, the Special Criminal Lok Adalats held by districts like Thrissur and Kollam had dealt with large number of civil cases also.



### Continuous Family Lok Adalat

DLSA Ernakulam has set up the first Continuous Family Lok Adalat with the co-operation of Ernakulam Karayogam for the Greater Cochin Area. The functionaries of People's Council for Social Justice and Samatha Law Society are the driving forces behind it.

### Mega Adalats - a mega drive

The 2nd Saturdays are normally holidays for Government servants. But these days are busy for the Judicial Officers in Kerala. They hold Adalats on a mega scale on these days and settle cases. During the quarter under review total number of 173 Mega Adalats were con-



Table III

Consolidated Statement of MEGA Adalats From 01/04/04 To 31/07/04																		
DISTRICT	No. of		No. of Cases Considered							No of Cases Settled							Amount Awarded	
	Adalats	Benches	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total	Civil	Criminal	MACT	Family	Be.lit	Others	Total		
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	21	27	49	666	0	0	154	1	870	14	65	0	0	34	1	114	233656.00	
KOLAM	10	20	50	368	102	0	140	36	696	10	62	40	0	46	16	174	1868500.00	
PATHANAMTHITTA	16	19	47	104	0	0	237	0	388	5	10	0	0	154	0	169	0.00	
ALAPPUZHA	15	21	90	125	265	7	52	1	540	3	25	84	2	8	0	122	2434800.00	
KOTTAYAM	2	4	60	33	0	0	1	2	96	17	6	0	0	0	1	24	0.00	
IDUKKI	8	9	26	100	0	0	151	0	277	6	22	0	0	10	0	47	0.00	
ERNAKULAM	13	22	189	65	564	0	19	33	870	49	18	236	0	8	2	312	85434534.00	
THRISSUR	58	63	16	1260	0	0	503	0	1779	2	162	0	0	232	0	396	0.00	
PALAKKAD	5	5	12	74	3	7	8	0	104	2	9	3	0	3	0	17	144500.00	
MALAPPURAM	2	3	23	0	0	0	43	1	67	1	0	0	0	8	0	9	0.00	
KOZHICODE	5	12	24	41	322	0	30	0	417	2	8	163	0	9	0	182	4519400.00	
WAYANAD	4	4	12	67	0	0	53	0	132	1	10	0	0	19	0	30	0.00	
KANNUR	10	12	37	77	254	0	1	0	369	1	3	99	0	0	0	103	1819750.00	
KASARAGOD	4	6	36	82	0	26	92	0	236	9	17	0	2	37	0	65	1191488.00	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>3062</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1484</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6841</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1764</b>	<b>97646628.00</b>	