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2010. “The company has been putting forward various reasons for its failure in shifting the sludge from the lagoon. We have directed them to remove the sludge before the onset of monsoon. If it is not removed before the monsoon, the entire area may get polluted,” she added.

According to the show-cause notice issued by the PCB, the company has violated the provisions under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. ENS

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Survey of Forest Settlements Under Bhoomi Keralam Nearing Completion

by Anil S

Kochi: The survey of forest settlements for tribals undertaken by the Kerala Land Information Mission (KLIM) as part of its Bhoomi Keralam project has been facing disputes and objections in four districts - Wayanad, Thrissur, Malappuram and Palakkad. However, in three other districts - Kollam, Idukki and Kannur - KLIM was able to complete the survey successfully.

As per the official records, the data till March 31, 2011, goes like this. In Kollam district, Bhoomi Keralam was able to complete the survey of 22 settlements which had 1,082 claims in an area of 1,062 acres. The records have been prepared and handed over to the District Collector. Similarly in Idukki district, the project surveyed 88 settlements with 8,984 claims in an area of 19,591.33 acres. The survey of 33 settlements with 1,039 claims in an area of 1,590 acres has been completed in Kannur district.

“As far as the survey of forest settlements for tribal people is concerned, Bhoomi Keralam was able to successfully complete the survey and hand over the records to the District Collector in almost all the seven districts. However, there are some minimal disputes in four dis-

No	DISTRICTS	TOTAL NO OF SETTLEMENTS AS PER SURVEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS AS PER SETTLEMENT	TOTAL No of settlements taken for survey	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS RECEIVED BY MISSION	AREA IN ACRES	PERAMBULATION & VERIFICATION							SURVEYED		RECORDS PREPARATION		RECORDS HANDLED OVER TO DISTRICT COLLECTOR		
							Settlements	Claims	SETTLEMENTS in Forest Land	CLAIMS in forest land	Revenue Land	CLAIMS in Revenue Land	Claims without possession (disputed)	Settlements	Claims	Settlements	Claims	Settlements	Claims	AREA IN ACRES
	Kollam	23	1168	23	1168	1044.4	23	1168	22	1146	0	22	46	22	1082	1062	22	1082	1062	
	Idukki	127	10991	127	10991	61450	109	9895	109	9895	18	1395	904	88	8984	19591.33	88	8984	19591.33	
	Thrissur	53	1341	53	1341	1888.3	53	1341	29	1061	14	283	116	30	945	933.1998	30	945	933.1998	
	Palakkad	108	3763	106	3402	9791	106	3402	92	2997	13	311	3508	93	1513	3062.4	93	1513	3062.4	
	Malappuram	58	1263	39	1154	2227	39	1194	39	1194	0	0	434	31	760	661.6	31	760	661.6	
	Wayanad	336	6937	336	6937	10500	336	6937	290	5791	76	1146	502	243	5289	3617	243	5289	3617	
	Kannur	33	1088	33	1085	1585	33	1085	33	1085	0	0	0	33	1039	1590	33	1039	1590	
	Total	738	26551	717	26078	88485.7	699	25022	594	23169	121	2855	3570	340	19012	30517.5298	540	19012	30517.5298	

A grab of the current status of the tribal forest survey undertaken by the Bhoomi Keralam project

tricts. There is a slight confusion in the data prepared by the Forest, Revenue and Tribal departments,” said a top official with the Revenue Department.

In Thrissur district, where survey of 30 settlements with 945 claims for an area of 933.1998 acres was completed, nine colonies with 116 claims have come up with objections. The objections come from colonies including Sholayar (22 claims), Adukkalappara (6), Anavari (2), Kombazha (6), Perumthumba (8), Karadikundu (5), Pottimada (15), Poovanchira (49) and Erappanpara (3). As per the official records, all the 116 claims were rejected as these were without possessions.

In seven colonies - Kuttala,

Pattakkarimbu, Vettilakolly, Attinpara, Chettiyanpara, Naranapoyil and Mathipotti in Malapuram district - the process is currently under dispute. However, here the project could successfully complete the survey of 31 settlements, with 760 claims for an area of 661.6 acres of forest land. In the second phase of the project, the survey of one more colony, Ambumala with 23 claims, was also completed.

Three colonies - Kadavu, Vettilachola and Earthdam in Palakkad district - are currently disputed. The KLIM completed survey and handed over documents for the rest of the settlements here. Survey, record preparation and record transaction of 93 settlements with 1,513 claims

for an area of 3,062.4 acres have been carried out in Palakkad.

In Wayanad district, where there are major claims under the Forest Rights Act, survey and record transaction of 243 settlements with 5,289 claims for an area of 3,617 acres have been completed. The remaining settlements are not surveyed owing to non-possession and boundary dispute.

As per the final figures, the Bhoomi Keralam project was able to survey a total of 540 settlements with 19,612 claims for an area of 30,517.5298 acres of land.

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