



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - LID&EW - Establishment- Order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in OA No. 233/2026 filed by Sri. Arun J Ranj, Executive Engineer - Complied with - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (EWB) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.884/2026/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 17-04-2026

- Read 1. G.O(Rt) No. 270/2026/LSGD dated 03.02.2026
(Annexure A3)
2. G.O(Rt) No. 405/2026/LSGD dated 17.02.2026
(Annexure A7)
3. Representation dated 04.03.2026 from Sri Arun J Ranj,
Executive Engineer (Annexure A8)
4. Order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal dated
13.03.2026 in OA 233/2026.

ORDER

Sri Arun J. Ranj, Executive Engineer, has filed OA No. 233/2026 before the Kerala Administrative Tribunal challenging the Annexure A7 transfer order read above, whereby he was retained at PMGSY-PIU, Kottayam and Smt. Shainy N., Executive Engineer, was posted to District Panchayat, Kollam.

The applicant has, inter alia, contended that he had joined duty at Kollam on 16.02.2026 pursuant to an earlier Government Order read as 1st paper above and that the subsequent order retaining him at Kottayam and posting another officer in his place is arbitrary. He has also raised personal difficulties citing that his aged parents are suffering from various ailments and require his care and assistance.

The Hon'ble Tribunal, in its order read above, disposed of the OA with a direction to Government to consider and pass appropriate orders on Annexure A8 representation submitted by the applicant, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

As directed by the Hon'ble Court, Government have examined the matter in detail. In the Annexure A8 representation read above, the applicant has stated that he is a native of Kollam and the sole caregiver of his aged parents who are suffering from age related illnesses. He has also pointed out that he had already joined duty at Kollam based on the earlier Government Order and that the subsequent change caused difficulty and hardship. Further, he has requested for posting either in Kollam or in an existing vacancy in Thiruvananthapuram district, citing circumstances in his family.

While examining the matter, it is observed that the posting of Smt. Shainy N., Executive Engineer, to Kollam was ordered by Government on compassionate grounds, taking into account her specific request citing serious health conditions of her aged parents requiring her personal care and assistance, as well as her impending retirement on 31.05.2027. Further, considering the proximity to retirement and the gravity of the circumstances in her family, her request was found more deserving and was given preference.

It is further noted that, at present, no vacancy of Executive Engineer is existing in Kollam district. The vacancy of Executive Engineer in Thiruvananthapuram district, referred to by the applicant, has already been filled. Hence, no vacancy is presently available either in Kollam or in Thiruvananthapuram district to accommodate the applicant. Transfer and posting are governed by administrative requirements, availability of vacancies and overall public interest, and no Government servant can claim a posting at a particular station as a matter of right.

In view of the above facts, Government find that the request of the applicant in Annexure A8 does not merit consideration at this stage due to non-availability of vacancy in the requested stations. However, the applicant shall be considered for posting in Thiruvananthapuram or Kollam district as and when a suitable vacancy arises, subject to administrative feasibility.

In view of the above, the request of the applicant in Annexure A8 is rejected and hence the order of the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal in O.A. No. 233/2026 read as 4th paper above is complied with accordingly.

(By order of the Governor)

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UNDER SECRETARY

To:

- 1.The Advocate General, Thiruvananthapuram (with Covering Letter).
2. The Principal Director, LSGD, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Chief Engineer, LSGD, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. Sri.Arun J Ranj, Executive Engineer (Through PD,LSGD)
5. The Accountant General, (A&E/Audit) of Kerala, Thrissur

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