

**THE LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT  
AUTHORITY, PALAKKAD**

**Present: Sri. D.Sudheer David, Additional District Judge – II**

**Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026**  
**9<sup>th</sup> day of Chaithra, 1948 S.E**

**LAND ACQUISITION REFERENCE No.70/2022**

**Claimant:**

Maruthachalam, S/o Maniyakkara Gounder, 79/13, V.V.K.Nagar, K.N.Pudur,  
Kanjikode.

**By Advocate: Shri. Sonnet Paul, Shri.A.V.Simon, Shri.Ciju.I.S.**

**Vs.**

**Respondents:**

1. State of Kerala Rep. By District Collector, Palakkad.

2. The Special Tahsildar, LA, KINFRA, Kanjikode.

Addl. Santhosh Koshy Thomas, aged 56 years, S/o T.O.Thomas, Managing  
R3 Director of Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Co-operation,  
KINFRA, TC 31/2312, Sasthamangalam Post, Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala.

Impleaded as per order in IA 01/2025 (1696/2025) order dated 14.07.2025

**By Advocate: Addl. Govt. Pleader (Shri. Shiju Kuriakose)**

**Shri.C.P.Pramod, Smt.Geethu Krishana, Smt.Sarika Raveendran  
and Smt.Vani.M. for Addl.R3.**

This Land Acquisition Reference having been heard on 27.03.2026  
and this court on 30.03.2026 passed the following:-

**AWARD**

This is a reference under Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and  
Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013  
(hereinafter referred to as 'the Fair Compensation Act').

2. The brief facts leading to the reference as follows:- An extent of  
0.9260 hectares of wet land comprised in Block 31 Re. Sy. Nos. 273/5,6 and 275/11  
of Pudussery Central Village was acquired from the claimant under the provisions  
of the Right to Fair Compensation Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation,  
and Resettlement Act. Award No. 12/2022 has been passed in the matter and as per

the award total a sum of ₹93,36,765/- (Rupees ninety three lakh thirty six thousand seven hundred and sixty five only) was passed and deposited in the bank account of the claimant. However, he was dissatisfied of that award and hence put up protest and filed claim statement for giving enhanced compensation for the land acquired. It made the land acquisition officer to refer the matter to this Authority for adjudication with respect to sufficiency of the award amount passed and the scope of enhancement of it as per law.

3. Before this Authority, proceedings initiated by issuing notice to the claimant and it was duly served on him and he appeared and filed a statement putting forth reasons for his claim for getting enhanced compensation. Respondent file objection. Case was then listed for evidence. At that time, claimant filed petition for appointing an Advocate Commissioner and it was allowed on 14.11.2025. But thereafter he did not take out the Advocate Commissioner. It made this Authority to dismiss his application for appointing the commissioner on 5.3.2026 and reference was posted for the evidence of the claimant on 12.3.2026. But he did not turn up and gave evidence, in spite of giving repeated chances. Hence evidence on his part was closed and the reference was taken for orders on 30.3.2026. Even thereafter, the claimant did not turn up and try to give contest the case by giving evidence. It makes it to understand that he is not at all interested to give evidence in this reference, which makes it impossible to have an adjudication with respect to the claim raised by the claimant for enhancement of compensation for the land acquired, so for the reference.

4. In the circumstances, it is not at all possible to find that the amount awarded by the acquisition Authority is insufficient and inadequate. On a perusal of the records of the reference, it can be seen that proper consideration was given to all relevant factors as far as fixation of compensation for a land acquired is concerned. It in turn makes it to accepted the award passed by the acquisition Authority and record a negative finding as against the claim of the claimant with respect to the enhancement of the compensation, already awarded. It makes no chance other than to answer this reference against the claimant. Accordingly, this reference is found against and it is answered against the claimant.

5. **Point No.2:-** In the result the references answered against the claimant. There is absolutely nothing find that the award passed by the acquisition authority is inadequate. So there is no chance enhancement of the compensation amount awarded. Reference is answered against the claimant.

*Prepared in Google docs voice typing app and corrected by me and pronounced in the open court on 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.*

**Sd/-**

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**APPENDIX: Nil**

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**Fair/Copy of Award in**  
**LAR No. 70/2022**  
**Dated: 30.03.2026**