



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Power (B) Dept,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
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Circular

Sub: Power Department – Energisation of Electric Fences – Certification of same by Electrical Inspectorate – Reg.

Ref: Orders of Hon. High Court of Kerala in RFA 472 of 2010 dt: 18.8.10 and 12.10.10

While considering a claim for compensation in an incident of electrocution from a wire fence, the Hon. High Court had observed *inter alia* that these fences cause grave danger to the life of human beings and animals, and hence need to be regulated considering the fundamental right to life guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Considering the direction of the Hon. High Court and the public interest involved it is hereby directed that no fences in the State shall be energized excepting with the prior authorization of the Electrical Inspectorate, and further, that such fences shall be energized using only electric fence energizers covered by specification given in Sections 76/ Part 2 of IS 302-2-76 (1999) (Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances – Part 2 Particular Requirements – Sections 76 Electric Fence Energizer). i.e Battery operated electric fence energizers with impulse generator and battery chargeable by using 240 v supply.

It is further directed in terms of the order of the Hon. High Court that all officers of the Government of Kerala and of the Kerala State Electricity Board shall ensure that there are no unauthorized electric fences in operation anywhere in the State and that all such fences in operation work only on the strength of electric fence energizers in terms of the IS Specifications governing such appliances.

Paul Antony  
Principal Secretary

To

- All Departments in the Secretariat
- All the District Collectors
- The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department
- The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram
- All the Revenue Divisional Officers
- The Chief Electrical Inspector, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Chief Engineer, PWD (Buildings)
- The Chief Engineer, ESGD
- The Chief Engineer, Irrigation
- The Superintending Engineer, PWD (Electrical Wing)

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Section Officer