

**Press Release**

## **Cochin Port Trust to give plots on Lease for Bunks along the eastern side of NH 47C for Rehabilitating Evictees**

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Cochin Port Trust has decided to allot 60 m<sup>2</sup> plots on lease for ten years to eligible evictees, (who have parted their land for connectivity projects of ICTT, Vallarpadam) for directly running bunks and shops as a measure of rehabilitation. 67 Nos. plots having approx. size of 5mx12m have been earmarked in 9 blocks in the eastern side of NH from Bolghatty Junction to the new Police Station building at Mulavukad for the purpose. The total extent of the 67 plots comes to approx. 99.33 cents.

Land acquisition to the tune of 50.3 hectares (6.5 hect. for Rail and 43.76 hect. for Road) was necessary for constructing rail and road connectivity required for the ICTT. A total of 156 families for the road connectivity project and 143 families for the rail connectivity project were displaced for the projects with payment of compensation and developed house sites. Govt. of Kerala, vide order dated 19-3-2008 had announced the offer of a job to one member from each evictee family. However, as the ICTT project was implemented by a private party as a BOT project, as per the decision of the Cochin Port Trust Board on 13-3-2008 it was conveyed to Govt of Kerala that it would be difficult for the Port to give such a commitment. It is in this context the Port has explored the possibility of giving alternate support to the evictees in the form of space for shops.

The 67 allottees will be selected from among the poorest of the evictees for the NH 47C project, with a total family holding of upto 10 cents, from the Mulavukad, Cheranelloor, and Kadamakudy areas; in the case this number exceeds 67, the allottees shall be selected by draw of lots.

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