

From

The Secretary,  
Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad,  
Kalpetta Unit,  
Kalpetta.

To

The Chairman,  
Coffee Board,  
Dr. Ambedkar Veedi,  
Bangalore, 560001.

Sir,

Sub :- Certificate given by the Coffee Board official to M/s. Mecnakshi Plantations Lakkidi, Vythiri for shade regulation and replanting - regarding.

Kalpetta Unit of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad in its Unit meeting held at Kalpetta on 11th June 1985, passed the following resolution and decided to send to the Chairman, Coffee Board for the needful.

2. It pains us to record that in the name of shade regulation, the entire tree growth in Coffee Plantations is being cut in a large scale through out Wynad, particularly in large holdings. We understand the necessary certificate is given by the officials of Coffee Board. After obtaining such certificate the planters are cutting the tree growth according to their needs. This type of large scale tree felling, not only disturb the natural ecological balance of this zone, but pushing the Coffee plantations in to the clutches of Coffee Pests. This has already occurred in many estates in Meppadi and Kalpetta area.

In this connection we would like to invite your kind attention to the Mecnakshi Estate, Lakkidi, Vythiri. The owner of this estate obtained a certificate from Coffee Board to thin out shade for replanting Coffee. We made on the spot enquiry and to our surprise, We could not see any shade trees at all in the abandoned Coffee area, and the tree filling was going on where there is no Coffee at all ! We reliably learnt that this estate owner is having only 17 acres of old Coffee, where as Coffee Board has given Certificate for 57 acres or so forthinning out the thick shade and for replanting with Coffee. With this clearance from the Board, the owner was cutting the trees, when we visited the area. Our workers and the Public of this area intervened and met the District Collector to pass a stay order to stop the tree felling, and Collector was kind enough to pass the stay order after due enquiry on the spot.

P.T.O.

What concern us is the few tree groth left on the steep slopes of the Ghat section is being indiscriminately destroyed by the Coffee planters with the permission of Coffee Board. This particular estate is hardly One kilometer away from the land slide occured during last monsoon. If such tree filling is allowed, it will create more ~~ix~~ havokes in the Ghat section in future.

We request your good self to make an enquiry ~~ix~~ about this permission given to the planter and to take needful action, if there is any undue and unjust action committed by the Board officials.

Yours faithfully,

*C.K. Sivaraman*  
C.K. SIVARAMAN,  
Secretary.

Kalpetta.

12.6.85.

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3. Secretary, K.S.S.P. Wynad District.  
4. Secretary, K.S.S.P. State Committe, Trivandrum.