



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Based on the petition received in the Open House from a resident of Keezhsathamangalam village, Hon'ble Lt. Governor dedicated the 111<sup>th</sup> Weekend Morning round for visit to the said village.

The complainant had made a prayer to shift the Primary Health Centre to the Panchayat Building that was lying idle. It was noted that the PHC is functioning in the first floor of a rented building and the owner was insisting for it to be vacated. Dr. Prema, Medical Officer informed that the location of PHC in the first floor posed difficulties to aged people and pregnant women. The Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat offered to spare Panchayat Building that was available after following the due process. Hon'ble Lt. Governor inspected the Panchayat Building. Noting that it had ramp facility, the Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat was asked to landscape the pathway to facilitate the sick and old to have easy access to the Health Centre.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter **visited the Building that had been constructed for use as Public Library but had remained unused for long.** The Villagers also said the **Community Hall was similarly lying idle.** To identify assets built out of Public Funds and lying idle, Hon'ble Lt. Governor asked the Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat to visit all such buildings / infrastructure and write to the Departments concerned for putting it into use for the purpose for which it was created and if not possible for alternate use.

It was also decided that the **Public Toilet at Keezhsathamangalampet would be made functional by the Commune Panchayat** and would be allocated to SHG from the area for its **upkeep and maintenance through a transparent process.**

To the complaint of the villagers in regard to **de-silting of the lake** in the village, the Public Works Department Engineers were asked to **prepare a short term and long term engineering plans** to desilt the lake and channelize drain waters. Also the aspect of getting it done under MNREGA to be taken up in co-ordination with the District Rural Development Agency.

The villagers also made a request for **operation of Mini Bus** between Villianur and Keezhur covering sembipalayam, Melsathamangalam and Keezhsathamangalam villages. Request was made by the villagers for street lights on the way from Keezhsathamangalam village to other villages. The women of the village said that they were benefitted under SHG component with training and micro finance.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that many problems faced by the Villagers could be identified and collective solutions found only by hearing them. Hon'ble Lt. Governor therefore **asked Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat to hold a Gram Sabha Meeting every month** to hear the grievances of the Villagers and **act as co-ordinator** in finding solutions by taking up issues with the Departments concerned.

Secretary Local Administration is being asked to issue **orders to all Commissioner to have a public hearing every month in the presence of Hon'ble MLA of the Constituency** and Revenue and Police officers of the area as a part of reach out solution. Such a monthly hearing of grievance would go a long way in identifying immediate needs and also save people coming all the way to Puducherry to meet Higher Officers and also to Raj Nivas Open House to vent their grievance.

At the site, Dr. Prema, Medical officer, PHC Villanur, Mr. Arumugam, Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat, Engineering Officials of PWD and Block Development Office of Villianur were present. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Mr. R. Sridharan, PS to LG, Ms. Amrita Bahl, OSD to LG, Mr. Baskaran, Inspector of Police / Grievance Officer and Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC to LG