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To

Director of Urban Affairs  
SwarajBhavan  
Nanthancode, Kowdiar P O  
Thiruvananthapuram – 695 003

Sub: Appointment of Librarian Gr. IV in Municipal Common Service of Ernakulam District – Reporting of vacancies to PSC

Ref: Representation received from the Rank holders of the list of Librarian Gr. IV in Municipal Common Service and the replies received to the queries based on Right to Information

Sir,

Kerala Library Association is the premier professional body in the Library & Information Science domain in the state. We have always been in the forefront, playing a facilitator's role, to enhance the quality and standard of education and research by enhancing the quality and standard of libraries and library professionals.

However, a critical examination of the present status of librarians has prompted us to bring to your kind attention an important issue related to the appointment of librarians in the Municipal Common Service of Ernakulam District. Based on the representations received from the members of our Association who have found a place in the PSC Rank List of Librarian Gr. IV in the Ernakulam district and the replies to the queries based on Right to Information received from State Public Information Officer, Department of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram, Public Information Officer, Muvattupuzha Municipality, Public Information Officer, Kothamangalam Municipality and Information Officer, Maradu Municipality respectively, we understand that there are 8 vacancies of Librarians in Ernakulam District as detailed below:

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Corporation/ Municipality</b> | <b>No. of vacancies</b> |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1              | Kochi                            | 2                       |
| 2              | Perumbavoor                      | 1                       |
| 3              | Thrikkakara                      | 1                       |
| 4              | Aluva                            | 1                       |
| 5              | Kothamanagalam                   | 1                       |
| 6              | Marad                            | 1                       |
| 7              | Muvattupuzha                     | 1                       |
|                | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>8</b>                |

But we see that out of these 8 vacancies, only 4 (four) vacancies have been reported to PSC. The rank holders of the list as well as Kerala Library Association representing them view this with grave concern. Therefore, we request you to take urgent steps to report all the existing vacancies to the PSC immediately.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary