

Tribal panel's notice to Kerala govt on the alleged illegal sale of protected land

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The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has issued a notice to Kerala Chief Secretary and its Forest department asking them to submit facts relating to the alleged illegal sale of protected land at Attappady in Palakkad district.

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“You are hereby directed to submit the facts and information on the action taken on the allegations within three days of receipt of this notice,” the NCST said here recently.

The news report published on July 1, 2022 talks about immigrant businessmen from Tamil Nadu and other parts of Kerala illegally purchasing land belonging to members of the Irula tribal community at Attappady. The tribal people of the area have alleged that these immigrants fabricated documents with the help of some government officials to prove land ownership.

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