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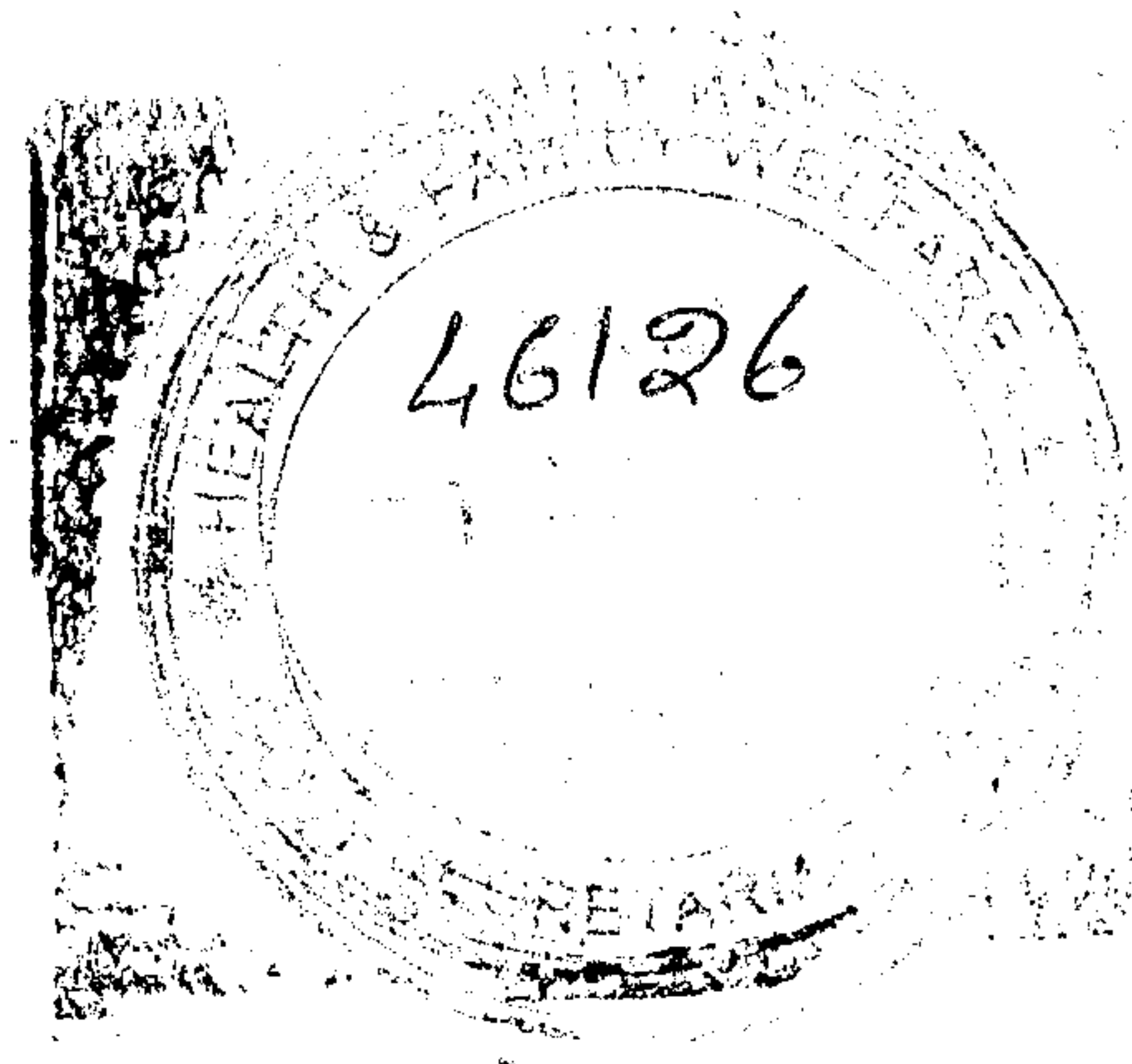
From

The Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
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Sir,



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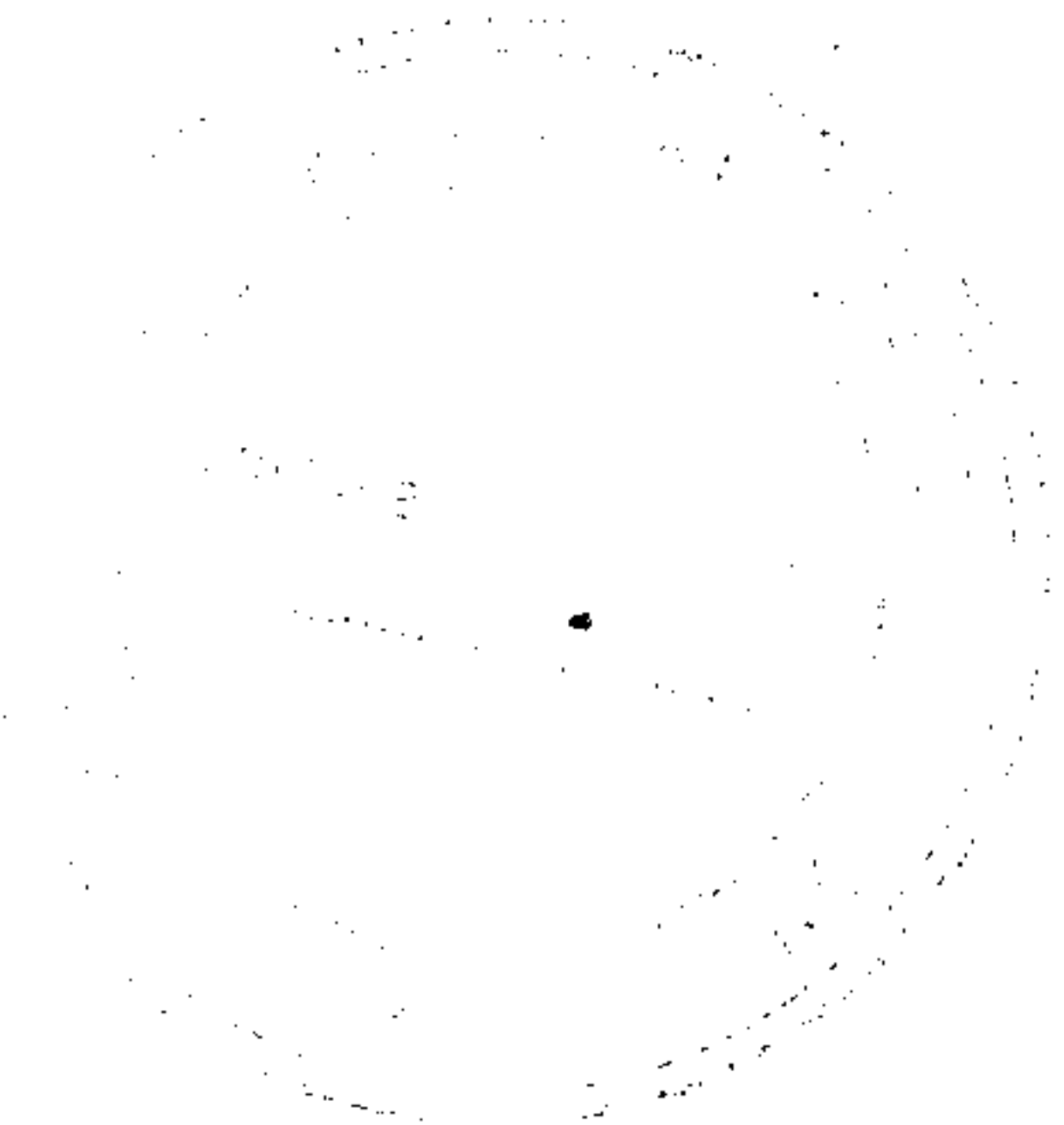
Ref:- Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (Act 10 of 1994).

As instructed by the Hon'ble Commission, I am forwarding herewith a true copy of the report of the visit conducted by Sri.R.Natarajan, Hon'ble Member, Kerala State Human Rights Commission at Government Taluk Hospital, Kayamkulam, Alappuzha district on 27/10/2010 **together with recommendations** as per Section 18 (5) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (Act 10 of 1994) and also Regulation 46 of the Kerala State Human Rights Commission (Procedure) Regulations, 2001.

You are requested to forward to this Commission your comments on the recommendations including action taken or proposed to be taken there on, within a period of one month as stipulated in the above provisions.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.





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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE VISIT MADE BY
SRI.R.NATARAJAN, HON'BLE MEMBER OF KERALA STATE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, IN THE P.K.KUNJU SAHIB
MEMORIAL GOVT. HOSPITAL, KAYAMKULAM ON 27-10-2010.**

Sri.R.Natarajan, the Hon'ble Member of the Kerala State Human Rights Commission, visited the P.K.Kunju Sahib Memorial Govt. Hospital in Kayamkulam at 10.30 a.m on 27-10-2010. Dr.Sirabudeen, the District Medical Officer, Dr.S.Shabna, the Superintendent of the Hospital and Smt.C.Shyamala Devi, the Nursing Supdt, other Doctors and Staff were present during the visit.

The hospital has been functioning since 1965. The staff strength of the Doctors are 12. The doctors under different disciplines are shown as below:-

Sl.No.	Name of Post	Sanctioned Strength	In position	Vacancy
CONSULTANTS				
1.	Medicine	1	0	1
2.	Paediatrics	1	1	0
3.	Surgery	1	0	1
4.	Gynaecology	1	1	0
5.	ENT	1	1	0
JR. CONSULTANTS				
6.	Medicine	1	0	1
7.	Paediatrics	1	0	1
8.	Ophthalmology	1	1	0
9.	Gynaecology	1	1	0

10.	Orthopaedic	1	1	0
11.	Dermatology	1	0	1
12.	Anaesthesia	1	0	1
13.	Casualty Mos	4	2	2

Out of the total staff strength of 12 doctors the posts of 6 doctors are lying vacant. In addition to the cadre strength of 12 Doctors, 4 more doctors are there in the Casualty. Out of which, the posts of 2 Doctors are lying vacant.

CONSULTANTS		
1.	Medicine	1
2.	Surgery	1
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3.	Medicine	1
4.	Paediatrics	1
5.	Dermatology	1
6.	Anaesthesia	1
7.	Casualty Mos	2

Since the hospital is situated near the National Highway and is occupied in the middle of the town, accident cases are expected frequently and also a place where communicable diseases are frequently attacked, the shortage of doctors is a serious matter. Due to the lack of doctors the number of inpatients are less. Being a big hospital with all facilities situated in the midst of the town, lack of sufficient doctors is a great drawback.

There is 24 hour causality in the hospital. Although two ambulances are there, one is in the workshop. Out of two drivers one is from PSC and the other one is appointed by NRHM. There is separate ward for Male, Female and Children. Milk and Bread are regularly supplied for the inpatients who belong to BPL. Occasionally food is supplied to the inpatients. All medicines are available in the Hospital. On an oral enquiry made among the inpatients, they told the Commission that they are well satisfied with the behaviour of the Doctors, Nurses and other staff of the Hospital.

Initially the number of bed was 125. Now it has enhanced to 250. It is opined that existing staff strength is not enough to handle the enhanced number of beds. The Superintendent of the Hospital brought to the notice of the Commission that the average OP will come around 1500. In May and June the OP will come around 2500. The average IP is 90 per day. Occasionally health camps are being conducted in the surrounding areas.

There is a Family Planning Section in the Hospital. Counseling, Vaccination, Immunization, and Sterilisation are provided for the patients. ICDS is also functioning as the counseling centre for AIDS patients. Treatment is also given under RSBY scheme (Rashtriya Swayam Bhima Yojana). There is a Hospital Management Committee in the hospital. There are eight number Security Staff in the Hospital. Their remuneration are made by HMC.

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Complaints and Recommendations

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1. Lack of Doctors in Medicine and Surgery.
 2. Although the Milk and Bread are supplied to the inpatients, it is not provided to the patients who are involved in medico legal cases.
 3. Lack of storage facility of medicines and the post of a pharmacist is lying vacant.
 4. The Well situated in the hospital is not clean and neat. Although it is covered with an iron net, it is not adequate to prevent pollution.
 5. The premises of the hospital are not clean.
 6. There is no canteen in the hospital. Although there is a building in the hospital under the control of the Municipality, it is not functioning.
 7. The lack of Power Laundry is a serious problem.
 8. There is no blood bank in the hospital.
 9. The mortuary is not equipped with freezer.
 10. The District Medical Officer has brought to the notice of the Commission that there are shortages of 101 Doctors in the Alappuzha District.
 11. At present in the causality, the post of 2 Medical Officers are lying vacant.
 12. Out of the sanctioned strength of 8 posts of Hospital Attendant Gr.II, 3 posts are lying vacant.
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13. Out of the sanctioned strength of 4 posts of PTS, 2 posts are lying vacant.
14. The facilities of toilet and bathrooms are not good.
15. The drainage system is not functioning well.
16. Disposal of waste is conventional. Burning the waste in the open space of the hospital lead to pollution. There is a high necessity of a Treatment Plant.
17. There is no skin specialist doctor in the hospital.
18. Sewage Treatment Plant is needed in the hospital.

The Commission recommends the Government to consider this urgently and make immediate remedial measures.

Sd/-
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Member
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