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**SUBJECT COMMITTEE II**  
**LAND REVENUE AND DEVASWOM**  
(2016-2018)

**Composition**

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Shri E. Chandrasekharan,  
Minister for Revenue and Housing.

*Ex-Officio Member:*

Shri Kadakampally Surendran,  
Minister for Co-operation, Tourism and Devaswom

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Shri K. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary  
Shri G. Harish, Deputy Secretary  
Shri D. Krishnankutty, Under Secretary.

# THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

*(Report of the Subject Committee)*

Subject Committee II (Land Revenue and Devaswom) to which "The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2018" (Bill No.144) was referred, considered the Bill clause by clause and now submits its Report with the Bill as reported by the Committee annexed thereto.

2. The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was published as a Gazette Extraordinary dated May 29, 2018. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on June 6, 2018 and was referred to the Subject Committee on the same day.

3. The Committee considered the Bill clause by clause at its meeting held on June 11, 2018. The Committee recommends to adopt the Bill without any modification.

4. The Minutes of dissent is appended.

Thiruvananthapuram,  
11th June, 2018.

E. CHANDRASEKHARAN,  
*Chairman,*  
*Subject Committee II.*

## വിയോജനക്കുറിപ്പ്

തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ദേവസ്വം ബോർഡിലെയും, കൊച്ചിൻ ദേവസ്വം ബോർഡിലെയും അംഗങ്ങൾക്കും, പ്രസിഡന്റിനുമുള്ള ഓണറേറിയം നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള അധികാരം അതത് ബോർഡുകൾക്കായിരുന്നു. ആയത് യഥാക്രമം 3500, 5000 രൂപയുമായി നിജപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ പുതിയ ഭേദഗതി പ്രകാരം അത് നൽകുന്നതിനുള്ള അധികാരം സർക്കാർ എറ്റെടുക്കുകയും, ഔദ്യോഗിക ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്ന വിജ്ഞാപനം വഴി നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതുമാണെന്ന് ആണ് വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. സർക്കാരിന് താല്പര്യമുള്ള സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ഓണറേറിയം എത്ര തുകയായി നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതിനും ഇതിലൂടെ സാധിക്കും. അതുപോലെ തന്നെ 70-ാം വകുപ്പിന്റെ 1-ാം വകുപ്പിൽ വരുത്തിയ ഭേദഗതി മൂലം ബോർഡുകളുടെ കാലാവധി 3 വർഷത്തിൽ നിന്നും 2 വർഷമാക്കിയത് നിലവിലുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ബോർഡുകളെ പിരിച്ചുവിടുന്നതിന് വേണ്ടിയായിരുന്നു ഇത് രാഷ്ട്രീയ ലക്ഷ്യങ്ങൾ പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുന്നതിന് വേണ്ടിയാണ്. ആയതിനാൽ ഈ റിപ്പോർട്ടിനോട് വിയോജിപ്പ് രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

1. അടൂർ പ്രകാശ് (ഒപ്പ്)

2. എം. ഉമ്മർ (ഒപ്പ്)

THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

(As reported by the Subject Committee)

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further to amend the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950.

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950 (Act XV of 1950) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) Sections 2, 3 and 7 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 14th day of November, 2017 and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 10.*—In the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950 (Act XV of 1950) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 10, in sub-section (1), for the words “three years”, the words “two years” shall be substituted.

3. *Substitution of new section for section 12.*—For section 12 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“12. *Honoraria for President and members.*—The President and members of the Board shall be entitled to receive per mensem, such honoraria and sitting fees, as may be fixed by the Government from time to time, by notification published in the Official Gazette.”

4. *Insertion of new section 13B.*—After section 13A of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“13B. *Appointment of Commissioner.*—The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, appoint an officer not below the rank of an Additional Secretary to Government and who is a Hindu as the Commissioner.”

5. *Amendment of section 29.*— In sub-section (2) of section 29 of the principal Act, the words “who shall be appointed by the Board. He shall be a Hindu.” shall be omitted.

6. *Amendment of section 70.*—In sub-section (1) of section 70 of the principal Act, for the words “three years”, the words “two years” shall be substituted.

7. *Amendment of section 71.*—For sub-section (2) of section 71 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The President and members of the Board shall be entitled to receive per mensem, such honoraria and sitting fees, as may be fixed by the Government from time to time, by notification published in the Official Gazette.”.

8. *Amendment of section 74A.*— In sub-section (1) of section 74A of the principal Act, for the words “Board shall appoint a Devaswom Commissioner”, the words “Government may, by notification in the Gazette, appoint an officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to Government and who is a Hindu as the Commissioner” shall be substituted.

9. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (28 of 2018) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
11th June, 2018.

V. K. BABU PRAKASH,  
*Secretary.*