

# **Azheekodu Fishing Village**

## **Eriyadu Grama Panchayat (Kodungallur Block)**

### ***A Brief Profile of the Azheekodu Fishing Villages***

Azheekodu fisheries village is spread over three wards of Eriyadu Gram Panchayat. According to the map provided by the GP and based on the interactions held with the President, elected members of the GP and the Panchayat officials, the coastal wards of this village are 16,17 and 19.

Towards arriving at the socio-economic profile of the fisheries village, different sources of data like census reports, published documents on coastal area, interviews with the elected members from the geographical constituencies from the coastal area, interactions with the officials from Gram Panchayat, Fisheries Department and other Government departments, Focus Group Discussions with the village community, etc. were considered.

The village has a total of 1014 houses and 1058 households are living there. Among them, 49 are landless or presently living as a joint family. Regarding the housing situation in the village, it is noted that 38.26 percent houses are pucca, 47.73 percent are semi-pucca and 14 percent houses are kachha houses. About 93.39 percent of the existing houses in the village have sanitary toilets. Safe drinking water is available to 88.76 percent of the existing houses. Most of the houses in the village (83.14 %) are electrified. It is noted that 536 persons from the fisher folk community are insured with the Fisheries Board (Matsya Board). And 51 persons are covered under the old age pension scheme and 19 persons are covered under widow pension scheme during 2007-08 in this village.

Regarding the community specific facilities, this village has one SC. The village has one UP School. Six anganawadis are functioning in this village and only one of them is functioning in its own building. This village has 12 roads of 13.55 km length, 3 Km drainage and 4 culverts. The village has 47 street lights and only 32 of them are functional. About the fisheries specific infrastructure and facilities, it is noted that 119 country fishing boats and 3 mechanized boats are available in this fisheries village. And a total of 92 kerosene permits are issued to the fisher folk in this. The village has one mini harbour and it is under construction. The village has two fish markets and four ice plants. The village has coastal line of 3.70 Km and out which 3.60 Km is protected. Consumption of liquor and narcotic drugs are moderate in this village.

The results of situation analysis and needs and requirements are presented in Tables 1 and 2 while the financial requirements are given in Table 3.

**Table.1: Current status & requirements of Existing Infrastructure Facilities**

Sl.No	Name of the Existing Road	Length of the road	Existing number of Culverts, Bridges	Existing drainage facilities	Requirements
1	Light house road	1250mtr	culvert-1		
2	Moidheenpally-Poochakadavu road	1.5.km			Maintenance-1300mtr,
3	Nama colony road	1.5.km	Culvert- 1		
4	Poochakadavu road	1.5.km	culvert-1		Re tarring-1.5.km,
5	Mohanava road	2.km	culvert- 1,	Drainage-1.km	Re tarring- 2.km,
6	Beach road	1600mtr		Drainage-1.km	Re tarring-1600mtr, culvert-1
7	Vakachuva road	750mtr			Culvert-1
8	Namadhani road	500mtr			Culvert-1
9	Kokoor Maidheen road	750mtr			culvert- 1
10	Samajan road	600mtr			Tarring- 600mtr, culvert- 1, drainage- 600mtr
11	Society road	600mtr			Tarring- 600mtr, culvert- 1
12	Coastal road	1.km		Drainage-1.km	Tarring- 1.km, culvert- 1

Source: Office of the Eriyadu Gram Panchayath

**Table.2: Requirements of New Infrastructure Facilities**

Sl.No	Name of the new Road	Length of the road	Number of Culverts	Drainage facilities	Any other Requirements
1	Light house Bahrin link road	1.250mtr			
2	Pulhanchal light house link road	1.350mtr			
3	Coastal road	1250mtr			
4	Azhikodu Munakkal-Kottapuram N.H	500mtr			
5	Light house- Beach road	300mtr			
6	Azhikodu Munakkal beach-Edavilangadu Arappa road	4.5.km			
7	Azheekodu Jetty to Fisheries complex	2 km			

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