

Valiyazheekal Fishing Village

(Arattupuzha Grama Panchayat - Muthukulam Block)

A Brief Profile of the Valiyazheekal Fishing Village

Valiyazheekal fisheries village is spread over two wards of Arattupuzha 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 6 and 7.

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 800 houses and 800 households are living there. Regarding the housing situation in the village, it is noted that 96.25 percent houses are pucca and 3.75 percent are semi-pucca houses. About 98.75 percent of the existing houses in the village have sanitary toilets. Safe drinking water is available to 75 percent of the existing houses. Most of the houses in the village (98.63 %) are electrified. It is noted that 320 persons from the fisher folk community are insured with the Fisheries Board (Matsya Board). And 26 persons are covered under the old age pension scheme and 2 persons are covered under widow pension scheme during 2007-08 in this village.

Regarding the community specific facilities, this village has no hospital facility. The village has one Higher Secondary School. Five anganawadis are functioning in this village and all of them are functioning in rented building. This village has 12 roads of 5.780 Km length. The village has 67 street lights and only eight of them are functional. About the fisheries specific infrastructure and facilities, it is noted that 37 country fishing boats are available in this fisheries village. And a total of 19 kerosene permits are issued to the fisher folk in this. The village has one harbour. The village has two ice plants. The village has coastal line of 1.65 Km, out of which 0.65 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

SI.No	Name of the Existing road	Length of the road	Existing number of Culverts, Bridges	Existing drainage facilities	Requirements
•	Valiyzeekal road	50 m			Repair – 50 m
•	14 th mile road from Tharayilkadavu to eastward , Jetty road	1600 m			Repair – 1600 m
•	Coir society road	400 m			Road maintenance-400 m
•	Rajeevalayam road	400 m			Road maintenance-400 m
•	Tharekkadavu palli road	400 m			Road maintenance-400 m
•	14 th number road	400 m			
•	Nila Valiyazheekal road	1 km			Repair - 1 km
•	Sathala nagar – Valiyazeekal bus stand	500 m			Repair and tarring -500 m
•	Pulliyara – Azheekoden road	450 m			Repair and tarring –450 m
•	Kadavath kadavu road	200 m			Repair and tarring -200 m
•	Gulikasseril Nadapatha	80 m			Repair and tarring -80 m
•	Azheekodan road	300 m			Repair and tarring -300 m

Source: Office of the Arattupuzha Gram Panchayath

Table. 2: Requirements of New Infrastructure Facilities

SI.No	Name of the new road	Length of the road	Number of Culverts	Drainage facilities	Any other Requirements
•				Pulliyangana Valiyzheekal - HSS compound	Drainage – 3 km
•				Palliyara - Shethram compound	Drainage – 3 km
•				Kadavath Palathinu (east)	Drainage – 3 km
•				Azheekal Palathinu (east)	Drainage – 3 km

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