



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECENTRALISATION OF POWERS (SEN COMMITTEE)-CONSTITUTION OF EMPOWERED COMMITTEE - ORDERS ISSUED

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (P) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

The Committee on Decentralisation of Powers (Sen. Committee) in its Interim Report has recommended that in the decentralisation process, in order to avoid long drawn out procedures, during the transitional period there should be a mechanism at the Government level for taking quick decisions, monitoring follow-up action and clarifying issues. The Committee has suggested the constitution of an Empowered Committee concerned Secretaries to Government under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.

2. Government have examined this recommendation in details. With the transferring of nearly 40% of the Plan resources to the local bodies including implementation of several Centrally sponsored and State sponsored Plan and non-plan schemes and running of various institutions, it is seen that operational problems particularly regarding implementation procedures and co-ordination between Departments crop up from time to time. This often results in Delays and creates confusion. Therefore Government have decided to constitute an Empowered Committee as follows:-

Chief Secretary to Government	..	Chairperson
Secretary, LAD	..	Convenor
Secretary, Finance	..	Member
Secretary, Planning	..	Member
Secretary, Rural Development	..	Member
Director of Municipalities	..	Member
Director of Panchayats	..	Member

3. The Secretaries and Heads of other Departments concerned with the decentralisation process would be invited to participate in the Committee meetings when matters related to their Department are discussed. They would be deemed to be members of the Committee for that particular purpose.

4. The terms of reference of the Committee are :-

- (1) To identify areas where orders have to be issued and to get them issued without delay.
- (2) To find out the required changes of procedures and take follow up action to amend the procedures to make them amendable to the decentralised system.
- (3) To issue clarifications on doubts raised by the local bodies.
- (4) To ensure that staff are allotted to the local bodies as decided from time to time.
- (5) To sort out funds flow problems.

Heads of Departments and Collectors may take up any issue related to the terms of reference to the Committee for a decision.

5. The Committee is authorised to make all necessary arrangements required for the quick and effective discharge of its duties.

By Order of the Governor,

C.P.NAIR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Secretaries to Government.

All Departments of the Secretariat (All Sections)

All Collectors

All Heads of Departments

Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board (with covering letter)

Director of Public Relations

Private Secretaries to Chief Minister and other Ministers.