



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Environment Department – Climate Change - Setting up of an institutional Mechanism for studying, deliberating and analysing of climate change - Designating the Environment Management Agency, Kerala as the Nodal Agency and constitution of an empowered group for considering the inputs and analysis provided by the Nodal Agency - Orders issued -

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No.52/09/Envt.

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Read: (1) Letter No.EMAK/21/2008 dated, 15.05.09 from the Director, Environment Management Agency Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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The issue of global warming and the resultant climate change has been a global concern and work on understanding and actions in response to this are being pursued at global and national levels. A National Action Plan on climate change has been formulated which envisages eight National Missions to be pursued with specific objective of combating climate change.

The Director, Environment Management Agency Kerala (EMAK) in his letter read above has forwarded proposal to set up an institutional mechanism for studying, deliberating and analysis of the climate change aspects and deciding on the actions needed to be taken for reorientation of policy, administrative mechanisms and development priorities at the State level to respond appropriately towards the trends and impending impacts of climate change. The Director, Environment Management Agency Kerala has forwarded proposal to set up a State level nodal agency and an empowered group at Government level as its components.

Government have examined the matter and are pleased to designate the Environment Management Agency Kerala as the State level Nodal Agency for organising information related to climate change. The Agency will also function as the centre for interdisciplinary coordination among the development sectors and scientific agencies for consultation and evolving proposals for consideration of Government. The Agency will set up a group of experts in climate science, environmental science, development economics, socio economic issues, human development issues, natural resources and allied areas. The members can be from Government as well as civil society and research institutions.

Government are also pleased to constitute an empowered group for considering the technical inputs and analysis provided by the nodal agency; deliberate on the options for actions at Government level and provide appropriate advice for facilitating considered decisions at Government level. This group will consist of the following

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1. Chief Secretary	:Chair person
2. Secretary, Environment Department	:Ex-officio Member Secretary
3. Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department	: Member
4. Secretary, Water Resources Department	: Member
5. Principal Secretary, Revenue Department	: Member
6. Principal Secretary, Finance Department	: Member
7. Secretary, Planning and Economic Affairs Department	: Member
8. Principal Secretary, Power Department	: Member
9. Principal Secretary, Industries Department	: Member
10. Principal Secretary, Forest and Wild Life Department	: Member
11. Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department	: Member
12. Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department	: Member
13. Secretary, General Education Department	: Member
14. Ex-Officio Principal Secretary, Science & Technology Department	: Member
15. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	: Member
16. Director of Agriculture	: Member
17. Director of Fisheries	: Member
18. Director of Health Services	: Member
19. Director, Energy Management Centre	: Member
20. Director, Information Kerala Mission	: Member

The terms of reference for the Nodal Agency and the empowered group will be as follows:

Nodal Agency

- i. Organise scrutiny and analysis of the facts and information related to climate change and its various aspects in context of its implications in Kerala. This will also include appraisal and consideration of the advisory/guidelines from central government in the proposed National Missions within the National Action Plan on Climate Change or other actions related to climate change.
- ii. Take into consideration the existing information, work out the gaps in information in understanding of the issues related to climate change and render advice to concerned Research and Development agencies or organise studies accordingly. This will also include examining sectoral/departmental proposals for implementation in Kerala, if any, in context of climate change.
- iii. Take stock of the information related to climate change with specific reference to Kerala, and work out the desirable initiatives for consideration of government. These proposals will be presented before the Empowered Group for consideration and appropriate advice to Government.
- iv. Work out the quantification of the impact of efforts undertaken in the state as response to climate change in internationally recognized terms in order to project the contribution of the state in climate change mitigation and adaptation, for example carbon footprints and energy efficiency areas.

Empowered Group

- i. Evolve a coordinated response to the issues related to climate change and recommend it to government for decision.
- ii. Provide guidance for formulation of sectoral strategies and initiatives for dealing with climate change related issues including those related to the programmes and guidelines regarding the National Action Plan for Climate Change.
- iii. Provide advisory support to the government for legislative, policy and programme based initiatives at the state level and for evolving considered views on the issues of climate change in national context.
- iv. Consider and accord approval for the studies and programmes suggested by the nodal agency based on the recommendations of the expert group, for strengthening the action in response to climate change related concerns within the state.

By Order of the Governor.

C.K.VISWANATHAN
Secretary to Government.

To

- ✓ The Director, Environment Management Agency Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (with C/L)
- All Members of the empowered group
- Joint Secretary to Chief Secretary
- Secretary to Chief Minister
- PA to Secretary, Environment
- The Water Resource Department
- The Revenue Department
- The Finance Department
- The Planning and Economic Affairs Department
- The Power Department
- The Industries Department
- The Forest and Wild life Department
- The Local Self Government Department.
- The Health and Family Welfare Department
- The General Education Department
- The Science and Technology Department
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