



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Implementation of plan scheme “Research and studies under MGNREGS-state share”- Selection of Agencies for coordinating the studies and constitution of Advisory Committee - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(DD)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.107/2021/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 16/01/2021

Read 1 G.O.(Rt) No:3277/2016/LSGD dated 01.12.2016

2 G.O.(Rt)No.1952/2017/LSGD dated 13.06.2017

3 Letter No.1905/EGSA/16 dated 23/12/2020 from Mission Director(MGNREGS)

ORDER

An amount of Rs.50.00 Lakh was earmarked in the State Budget 2016-17 under the H/O 2505-02-101-99(03) for the plan scheme “Research and studies under MGNREGS-State share” and as per Government order read as 1st paper above Administrative Sanction was accorded for implementation of the Scheme. A Search Committee was also constituted as per Government Order read as 2nd paper above to identify the suitable Coordinating Agency from among the following agencies based on their technical and financial capabilities.

- i.Centre for Socio-economic and Environmental Studies (CSES)
- ii.Centre for Management Development (CMD)
- iii.Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC)

2. As per the plan write up, the selected Coordinating Agency will be authorised to issue advertisement for inviting interested agencies, verify the proposals received, short-list eligible institutions/organizations, inviting bids from the short-listed eligible institutions, and making suitable recommendation

on the proposal received. Thereafter detailed approval letter is to be issued specifying terms and conditions for acceptance to the bid.

3. The Search Committee met on 04-12-2020, evaluated the credentials of the above three institutions and after considering the presentations made by them before the Committee, the following recommendations were made by the committee:

1. The task for conducting Research Study on Mahatma Gandhi NREGS may be divided zone-wise and allotted to each of the agencies to conduct the study on their own as below:

- a. South zone - Centre for Management Development (CMD)
- b. Central zone - Centre for Socio-economic and Environmental Studies (CSES)
- c. North zone - Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC)

2. One Block panchayat from each zone may be selected for the purpose of study.

3. An Advisory Committee may be constituted to handhold the coordinating agencies in conducting the Research Study and to give them timely feedback.

4. A detailed Terms of Reference including a common research methodology to be followed for conducting the study may be drawn up in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

5. The following aspects of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS may be included in the Research Study:

- a. Gender Aspect
- b. Asset creation and its impact on livelihood
- c. Environmental Impact
- d. Convergence - Implementation and effectiveness
- e. Role of special groups like Labour Contract Societies

6. As the funds earmarked from the State plan is not sufficient to conduct the study effectively, more funds need to be apportioned from the available Administrative funds of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

4. Government have examined the above recommendations of the Committee and are pleased to accord sanctions as following;

i. The task for conducting Research Study on Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is divided zone-wise and allotted to each of the agencies as below:

- a. South zone - Centre for Management Development (CMD)
- b. Central zone - Centre for Socio-economic and Environmental Studies (CSES)
- c. North zone - Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC)

ii. The above Agencies are entrusted with the responsibility to conduct the study on their own.

iii. An Advisory Committee is constituted to handhold the coordinating agencies in conducting the Research Study and to give them timely feedback, by including the following members:

- a. Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD - Chairperson
- b. Mission Director (MGNRES) - Convenor
- c. Dr.K.P.Kannan, Former Director, CDS - Member
- d. Sri.L.P.Chithir, Rtd. Adl. Development Commissioner - Member.

The Advisory Committee will sit with the representatives of the Agencies and formulate a revised list of Areas Recommended for Study, Terms of Reference, and Common Methodology to be followed for conducting the research. The Committee is also entrusted with the task of coordinating the Agencies and the final evaluation of the study reports.

iv. The Advisory Committee is entrusted to select suitable Block panchayats for evaluation study in each zone.

(By order of the Governor)
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