



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Local Administration(N)Dept.

No.15825/N2-98/LAD

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Width of roads taken up under plan Funds by Grama Panchayat, Municipalities and Corporations – Minimum width – Revised Instructions Issued.

Ref: Government Circular No: 7039/N2-98/LAD. dated 12-2-1998

In the circular read above, it was stipulated that Grama Panchayat and Municipalities may take up roads below the stipulated width of 8 meters and 6 meters in the case of SC/ST habitats and thickly populated areas, only to the tune of 25% of the plan funds earmarked for roads.

2. It has now been brought to the notice of the Government, that several bodies have obtained technical sanction and made arrangements for starting certain road works based on local need, on the bonafied belief that width restriction will not apply to those roads. In the light of the circular read above, those local bodies will not be able to proceed with those road works.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue the following further clarifications in the matter.

- (i) All Grama Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations will be permitted to take all the works for which technical sanction have been issued before the date of the circular read above, irrespective of the width of the road.
 - (ii) District Panchayats and Block Panchayats will also be allowed to take up works for which technical sanction have been issued before the date of the circular read above.
 - (iii) In the case of Grama Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations, if there are any roads approved under the plan for which technical sanction has not been given, but for which sufficient land width is not available due to high density of population, prior permission of the District Planning Committee should be obtained. The District Planning Committee should convince themselves that there is no reasonable scope for obtaining the minimum width of 6 meters before taking a decision in this regard.
4. The Circular read above stands modified to the above extend.

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