



Government of Kerala

No. 46045/DB3/2007/LSGD.

Local Self Government (DB) Department

Dated, 13/05/2011

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Decentralized Planning by Local Governments – Role of District Collectors – Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref:- 1. G.O ((MS) No. 27/2002/Plg., dated, 11/07/2002
2. GO(MS) No. 28/2009/LSGD dt. 13-02-2009

As per the Government Order referred to first above, the District Collectors were ordered to perform the following tasks:

- (i) The District Collector should play a key role as Member Secretary of the District Planning Committee to ensure that the tasks assigned to the District Planning Committee like preparation of District Plan, guiding of preparation of plans by Local Governments, vetting of plans prepared by Local Governments and regular review of implementation to ensure quality.
- (ii) He should arrange necessary technical and administrative support to Local Governments.
- (iii) He should hold monthly meetings on fixed days of Village Panchayat Presidents and Secretaries as well as Block Panchayat Presidents and Secretaries to review plan progress and send reports to Government.
- (iv) He should ensure the proper functioning of the Technical Advisory Groups.

2. Further the District Collectors were directed to send a periodical report demi officially every month to the Chief Secretary so as to reach him by 15th on various issues related to decentralized plan preparation and implementation in the district, the action taken in the district and the action which has to be taken at the level of the Government.

3. It has come to the notice of Government that these instructions are not being followed at all and no periodical is being sent to the Chief Secretary. It has also been brought to the notice of Government that many District Collectors are not even attending the District Planning Committee meetings.

4. It is clarified that the role of the Member Secretary of the District Planning Committee, which is a Constitutional Body, cannot be delegated by the District Collector to any officer. The proceedings of such DPC meetings could be challenged. Therefore, all District Collectors are directed to strictly follow the orders issued as per the GOs cited above and also to ensure personal attendance in all District Planning Committee meetings.

Dr. P. Prabakaran,
Chief Secretary.

Forwarded/By Order



Section Officer

To

1. All Chairpersons of District Planning Committees
2. All District Collectors & Member Secretaries of District Planning Committees
3. Secretary to Government, Planning & Economic Affairs Department
4. Member Secretary, State Planning Board
5. All District Planning Officers

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