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Sub:- LSGD – 14th Finance Commission Grant for Grama Panchayat - Utilisation of funds towards improvements in drainage systems and water conservation measures - instructions – reg.

Ref:- Lr. No. N-11011/1/2016-FD dated 28/06/2019 from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.

The Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants are being devolved to Gram Panchayats for delivering basic services including water supply, sanitation, sewerage, solid waste management, storm water drainage, maintenance of community assets, roads, footpath, street light, burial and cremation grounds and any other basic service within the functions assigned to them under relevant legislation.

As per the reference cited above, considering the ensuing onset of monsoon, the Grama Panchayats were to be advised to utilise the FFC Grants towards preparatory activities to keep the drainage systems in good order so that flooding and/or stagnation of rain water could be prevented to avoid mosquito breeding and spread of epidemics like malaria, cholera, dengue, chickungunya etc, considering the acute water scarcity, the Grama Panchayats were to be advised to take up preparatory works towards rain water harvesting, systems towards water conservation and groundwater recharge etc in the respective Gram Panchayats. This emergency expenditure for the above services was needed to be incorporated in revised Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) during current year for due approval of Gram Sabha. This emergency expenditure should have been for Basic Services only as per 14th Finance Commission recommendations.

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To

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The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram
All Grama Panchayats (through Director of Panchayats)
The Executive Director, Information Kerala Mission, Thiruvananthapuram. (For publishing in the LSGD website)
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