



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Role and Functions of Community Development Society (CDS) and Urban Poverty Alleviation (UPA) Cell of Municipalities – Distinguished –Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No. 1812/2011/LSGD. Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29/07/2011.

- Read:-
1. GO (MS) No.292/1994/LAD dated 26.12.1994
 2. GO (Rt) No.794/1995/LAD dated 18.02.1995
 3. GO (P) No.222/2008/LSGD dated 08.08.2008
 4. Circular No.45838/IA1/2009/LSGD dated 11.01.2010
 5. GO (Rt) No.2575/2010/LSGD dated 04.08.2010
 6. GO (Rt) No.3102/2010/LSGD dated 23.09.2010
 7. GO (Rt.) No.3529/2010/LSGD dated 09.11.2010
 8. GO (Rt) No.632/2011/LSGD dated 28-02-2011.
 9. Letter No. KS-M/38/2011 dated 03.01.2011 and 08.04.2011 from Executive Director, Kudumbashree,Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

Government had, vide orders read as 1 and 2 above, created the Kerala Urban Poverty Alleviation Fund as required under Section 284 of the Kerala Municipalities Act, 1994. An Urban Poverty Alleviation Project Cell was created as per the same order, for implementation of UPA Programmes in every Municipality. The Secretary of the Municipality was authorised to open a separate treasury account called the "UPA Fund" and the Municipality is to credit 2% of the estimated annual revenue of the Municipality to the said fund. Government also ordered formation of Urban Poverty Alleviation Cell and Community Development Society as per model bye-laws 1995 for the implementation of Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme. The Project Officer of the UPA Cell was designated to be Member Secretary of the CDS as per this order. Similarly, Community Organisers were to be appointed from amongst staff of the Health Department of the Municipality to co-ordinate the functioning of the ADS.

Government revised the bye-laws of the Community Development Society (CDS) vide order read as 3 above. The revised guidelines for the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana Scheme issued by the Government of India in April 2009 and subsequent State Guidelines issued by the Government vide GO read as 6th paper above provides for the autonomous functioning of the CDS organizational network. As per the revised bye-laws of the CDS, the local government could appoint an officer of its choice as the Member Secretary of the CDS. The fact was further stressed by the Government, in its circular read as 4 above. In line with the revised SJSRY guidelines, specifying the nature of

Community Organizers as those from within the community network, Government had issued order read as 5 above, for appointment of the elected sub-committee convenors of the CDS as Community Organisers under SJSRY. The role of CDS is to function as an autonomous community structure under the leadership of the Municipalities. The SJSRY Guidelines read as 6 above, clearly delienates the role of the Municipalities and the community structure.

The Executive Director, Kudumbashree vide letters read as 9 above, has requested Government to review the arrangement merging the UPA Cell and CDS at the Municipality level. Government have considered the matter in detail and are pleased to issue orders separating the functioning of the UPA Cell and Community Development Society as detailed below.

a) CDS Action Plan and Convergence with Municipality plans

The CDS Action Plan that evolves through the community network will provide inputs for developing the annual development plans of the Municipalities. The inputs from the CDS Action Plan will be integrated with the Anti-poverty sub plan, Women Component Plan and Local Economic Development plan developed by the Municipality. Convergence of Central, State and Municipality funds and the energy of the community structure can be functionally converged for a vibrant local economic development strategy for the Municipalities.

b) UPA Cell

The UPA Cell of the Municipality will continue to function as per orders issued by the Government vide orders read as first and second above. The Project Officer (UPA) appointed by the Municipality will be responsible for the activities of the UPA Cell.

c) Community Organisers of the UPA Cell

The Community Organisers of the UPA Cell, either appointed ex-officio or on contract basis by the Municipalities, will continue to function as Community Organisers of the UPA Cell. Remuneration or allowances paid to the Community Organisers of the UPA Cell will be borne by the Municipalities.

d) Member Secretary of the CDS

The Municipalities shall appoint staff member of its choice as the Member Secretary of the CDS as per the CDS Bye-laws vide orders read as third and fourth above. Where Municipalities choose to continue with the Project Officer of the UPA Cell as ex-officio Member Secretary of the CDS, clear distinction between the functioning of the UPA Cell and the CDS will be observed.

However, the member Secretary, CDS will be a special invitees in review meetings held by municipal authorities on activities UPA Cell and vice versa so that the activities could be converged.

Municipalities will pay special allowance to Member Secretaries as per provisions of GO (Rt.)3212/98/LAD dated 4.11.1998, after incorporating amendments made through the Pay Revision Orders issued by the Government. The expenses incurred in this regard will be met from the Administrative & Other Expenses funds of SJSRY. Own funds of Municipality can also be used if A&OE funds of SJSRY is not enough.

e) Community Organisers of the CDS

The Community Organisers of the CDS appointed under SJSRY vide orders read as fifth and seventh above will work towards strengthening the activities of the community organisation network. Honorarium and allowances to these Community Organisers will be paid from the Administrative Grant made available to the CDS from the Kudumbashree District Mission under the UCDN component of SJSRY as stipulated in GO read as sixth above.

f) Office and facilities for the CDS

The Municipalities will make necessary arrangements for providing office space and facilities for the CDS within the premises of the Municipality.

g) Unspent balance of 2% UPA account with CDS

Any unspent balance from the 2% UPA allocation made by the Municipality to the account of the CDS/UPA Cell as of March 31, 2011, will be verified and such amounts will be transferred to the account of the UPA Fund. The Municipality will ascertain the balance amount through an audit of accounts of the UPA Cell. The 2% UPA Fund shall be utilized as per guidelines issued vide Government order read as 8th paper above.

**By order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government**

To

The Executive Director, Kudumbashree, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

All Corporation Secretaries/Municipal Secretaries (Through the Director of Urban Affairs)

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, ~~IMK~~ ^{IKM}, Pangappara, Thiruvananthapuram (for uploading the Government Order in the LSGD web site)

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