

### **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

#### Abstract

Local Self Government Department- MGNREGS - Fixation of remuneration and other facilities for Ombudsman - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DD) DEPARTMENT

### G.O.(Rt)No.2179/2012/LSGD

# Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 08.08.2012

Read:-1. Order dated 07.09.2009 from Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development.

- 2. G.O.(Rt) No.1266/2012/LSGD dated 03.05.2012.
- 3. Letter No.10532/EGS2/12/CRD dated 18.06.2012 from Mission Director, MGNREGS, Thiruvananthapuram.

## ORDER

As per the GO read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above Government have appointed Ombudsman in the 14 districts of the state for redressal of grievances and disposal of complaints in respect of the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. It was also ordered therein that the remuneration will be fixed and intimated in due course. As per the Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above (under 27(1) of NREG Act for establishment of the office of Ombudsman) the Ombudsman shall be allowed a compensation of Rs.500/- per sitting, and in the letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and 2nd December 2011, Government of India clarified that the remuneration costs are consciously kept low so as, to invite those with public spirit as opposed to monitory inclination.

As per the letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above, Mission Director, Mahatma Gandhi NREGS has submitted a proposal for fixing remuneration and other facilities to be provided for discharging the duties and responsibilities of the Ombudsman effectively. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order as follows:

- a. The District Programme Coordinator/District Collector shall provide an office room to Ombudsman at the Collectorate Civil Station itself.
- b. The District Programme Coordinator shall procure and install one Computer with Printer, Scanner and Internet Connectivity for the exclusive official use of the Ombudsman in the office room allotted
- c. District Programme Coordinator shall provide to the office of the Ombudsman the service of one exclusive Accountant Cum Data Entry Operator having the qualification of the Data Entry Operator now posted in the GP/BP and district on contract basis. The contract period of such Accountant Cum Data Entry Operator will be for a period of one year. The remuneration now given to the Accountant Cum Data Entry Operators of GP/BP working under MGNREGS will

also be applicable to the Accountant Cum Data Entry Operator working in the office of Ombudsman

d. The Ombudsman is eligible for Monthly reimbursement of Rs.1,000/-

towards the mobile phone charges

e. Vehicle to be provided by District Programme Coordinator to the Ombudsman for conducting actual field level verifications/inspections associated with enquiry of petitions within the district jurisdiction of the Ombudsman and the monthly hire charges of such vehicle should

not exceed Rs. 15000/- per month.

f. Ombudsman is eligible for TA/DA permissible for Class I officers in the State service for the journey within the district and attending meetings organized by Government/Mission Director MGNREGS.

g. Working days for Ombudsman is fixed as 20 per month and one sitting in a day is enough. A consolidated amount of Rs. 20,000/-(Twenty Thousand Only ) is fixed as monthly remuneration for the Ombudsman

The expenditure for the above purpose will met from the Administrative cost of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.

> (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR) T.K. MANOJ KUMAR, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY.

### To.

- 1. The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Mission Director, MGNREGS, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. All District Collectors/Programme Co-ordinators.
- 4. All President/Secretary, District Panchayats
- 5. All Project Directors, Poverty Alleviation Units
- 6. Ombudsman of all districts concerned
- 7. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- 8. The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- 9. Director, IKM(for publishing the official website)
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Section Officer.