



Government of Kerala  
**Abstract**

Local Self Government Department - State Level Committee to submit proposals for the revision the Kerala Town and Country Planning Act and Expenditure Planning and Budgeting Guidelines for Local Bodies - Orders issued.

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LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (RD) DEPARTMENT

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Read:- Development Policy Loan of the World Bank - Resilient Kerala Programme.

O R D E R

The 2018 floods in State have brought into focus the need for better planning of urban areas so as to understand and withstand the impact of sudden high intensity floods and other natural disasters. The cities and municipalities in the State continue to grow but, the impact of such growth generally surfaces during natural disasters. The planning guidelines earmark sectoral fund to local bodies. However, allocations get fragmented in small scale infrastructure schemes leading to inefficient fund utilization in larger investments impacting public service deliveries.

2) The current rate of urbanization and urban renewal programmes are being propelled by high economic growth, which is being extended to rural areas as well. Therefore, measures to improve conditions and infrastructure need to be reviewed and necessary steps undertaken to redress the anomalies and to ensure integrated climate resilient Master Plans, as envisaged in the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments.

3) In order to look into the revision of the Kerala Town and Country Planning Act, 2016 and the guidelines for expenditure, planning budgeting, Government have decided to establish a State Level Committee (SLC) with the following members:

1	Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD	Chairman
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance	Member
3	Principal Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department	Member
4	Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management	Member

5	Principal Secretary, Environment Department	Member
6	Law Secretary	Member
7	Secretary, Rural Development, LSGD	Member
8	Secretary, Urban Development, LSGD	Convenor

4) The scope of work of the SLC shall be, but not limited to, the following:

- i) Examine and draft a revised Town and Country Planning Act and Action Plan for implementation of the same, as necessary;
- ii) Finalise the draft Town and Country Planning Act so made with an institutional framework for development and implementation of Master Plans compliant to climate changes and resilient to natural disasters;
- iii) Review and finalise draft guidelines for preparation of Master Plans and sub-area plans in conformation with the aforesaid revised draft Town and Country Planning (TCP) Act;
- iv) Discuss/share the draft Act and related guidelines with relevant constituents as found necessary/appropriate to ensure consensus to facilitate implementation;
- v) Revise annual planning and budgeting guidelines of local bodies towards multi-year planning, budgeting and expenditure cycle in the different tiers (District, Block, Grama Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies) in the administrative system;
- vi) Amend/update existing regulations for investments by local bodies to comply with the revised Master Plans including penal provisions for non-compliance;
- vii) Review drafts prepared by the Sub Working Committee and provide inputs for improvement towards finalization of the above;
- viii) Finalize and submit the draft TCP Act and guidelines referred above along with the draft action plan by December 2019 to the Department of Local Self Government;
- ix) Any other work as directed by the Chairman, SLC.

5) The SLC will be assisted and supported with technical inputs from external domain experts/specialists in addition to other department staff, as required, from time to time.

6) Government are also pleased to constitute a Sub Working Committee (SWC) to support the SLC in preparation of revised Town and Country Planning Act and related documentation and necessary amendments to the planning, budgeting and expenditure guidelines of local bodies for the consideration of the SLC, with the following members:

1	Shri.T.K.A.Nair, Member, High Level Empowered Committee Chairman of Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI)	
2	Secretary (Urban), LSGD	Member
3	Secretary (Rural), LSGD	Member
4	Commissioner for Rural Development	Member



5	Director, Urban Affairs, LSGD	Member
6	Director, Panchayats, LSGD	Member
7	Director, KILA	Member
8	Director, Finance (Planning), Dept. of Finance	Member
9	Land Revenue Commissioner	Member
10	Chief Decentralization Planning Division, Planning Board	Member
11	Commissioner, Kerala State Land Use Board	Member
12	Chief Town Planner, Kerala	Member

7) The Sub Working Committee (SWC) will be supported by urban planners and decentralization, institutional and financial specialists, in addition to legal experts in preparation of the necessary legal documents. The scope of the work of the SWC are:

i) Look in to the revision of the Kerala Town and Country Planning Act to ensure that climate change and resilience to disasters and area land use planning are addressed and draft a revised Town and Country Planning Act and action plan for implementation of the same, as necessary;

ii) Review and update/revise legislation, guidelines and planning processes, as necessary, for preparation of Master Plans and area plans;

iii) Conduct necessary consultations with stakeholders and incorporate feedback/suggestions as deemed appropriate/feasible in the revised guidelines and/ or draft TCP Act;

iv) Take necessary steps to amend/update existing regulations for investments by local bodies to comply with the revised master plans, with penal provisions for non-compliance

v) Take necessary steps for revision/updation of guidelines for planning, budgeting, expenditure guidelines and prepare draft action plan with timelines for implementation of revised planning and budgeting systems for urban and rural local bodies;

vi) Ensure revised planning guidelines includes provisions for planning medium term and long term capital investments to improve service deliveries by urban and rural local bodies;

vii) Include provisions for alignment and integration of district planning and master planning instruments in the annual/multi-year plan documents prepared by local bodies;

viii) Review and revise sectoral investment allocations following a need-based approach to achieve better service delivery and improved urban infrastructure;

ix) Any other work as directed by the SLC.


The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the High Level Empowered Committee by July 31, 2019.

(By order of the Governor)  
Tom Jose  
Chief Secretary

To

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3. Director of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram
4. Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
5. The Commissioner, Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram
6. The Commissioner, Kerala State Land Use Board, Thiruvananthapuram
7. The Chief Town Planner, Thiruvananthapuram
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