



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Guidelines for licensing honey suckers by Local Self Government Institutions - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

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Read 1 Letter No.3228/C1/2017/SM dated 27.07.2017

2 Review Meeting on setting up of Septage Treatment Plants held on 23/03/2017

ORDER

As resolved in the Review Meeting on setting up of Septage Treatment Plants held on 23.03.2017, the Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission as per letter read as 1st above has submitted draft guidelines for licensing honey suckers by Local Self Government Institutions.

2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue guidelines for licensing honey suckers by Local Self Government Institutions as detailed below.

General requirements regarding the desludging trucks/vehicles used:

- i. Ordinary trucks shall not be used to collect sewage. Vehicles designed especially for collection of septage as per Standards and Specifications, to be evolved, only shall be used for the same.
- ii. The collection vehicle and the suction pump installed in it shall be of right capacity.
- iii. Desludging Truck/Vehicle shall have valid registration, insurance etc. as mandated by the Road Transport Authority.
- iv. Desludging Truck/Vehicle shall be provided with a standard colour coding.
- v. The vehicle shall be properly labeled to aware the public about the nature of effluent/waste being carried by the vehicle, capacity of the tank and shall have proper address (with phone number) of the licensee marked on the vehicle in sticker form.
- vi. The vehicle shall maintain records such as trip registers/log books in prescribed format.

Procedures to be followed at various stages of operation.

A.Collection

- i. Collection shall be carried out only during day time (8 AM- 6 PM), without causing any disturbance to common people.
- ii. People employed in collection process should have proper Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) and the HI/HS in charge shall ensure the implementation /usage of such measures at every collection process.
- iii. Septic tanks shall not be emptied completely so that 1-2 inches of sludges shall be left in the tank to facilitate future/further decomposition of afresh waste coming to the tank.
- iv. There shall be no spillage during collection of septage and the vehicle tank shall not be filled beyond 75% capacity, to avoid spillage during transportation. A spillage protector shall be installed and its working shall be checked frequently to ensure that it is in working condition when the vehicle is in use.
- v. The hose used to suck out septage shall be connected with one way valve to avoid oozing out of the septage after sucking is done. And the hose needs to be checked frequently to ensure that it has no damage/leakage or bend.

B. Transportation

- i. Vehicle used for collection of septage shall be maintained and kept safe (both preventive and corrective maintenance).
- ii. It shall be ensured that there is no over flow/spillage during transportation of septage.
- iii. The vehicle shall be kept clean always and after completion of every trip the tanker shall be washed. The wash water shall not be released into open drain/water way, but shall be treated and sent out or released into an STP for treatment.
- iv. The quantity of sewage collected and transported to the treatment plant shall be assessed and recorded properly in a log book kept in the transportation vehicle.

C.Disposal

- i. Collected septage shall not be discharged into any other outlet water way/public drain other than the collection well/tank assigned at STP for specific usage as per norms.
- ii. The treatment facility shall get approval from Kerala State Pollution Control Board and other regulatory authorities.
- iii. The treatment facility shall acknowledge the quantity of septage received by recording it in a log book which shall be available in the vehicle bringing the

septage

D. Monitoring

- i. The operation of trucks shall be monitored using Global Positioning System (GPS). The main factors in the operations to be tracked are speed, route, tampering, idling time, septage disposal, and unauthorized movements if any.
- ii. For every vehicle, there should be a designated person (driver/ operator) responsible for the operation of the truck.
- iii. The Local Self Government Institution (LSGI) should appoint personnel to monitor the operations of the truck. The data from a vehicle mounted GPS can be monitored from a control room set up by the LSGI.
- iv. A smartphone with GPS can also be used instead of vehicle mounted GPS.
- v. GPS with tamper proof provisions such as emergency alerts in case of tampering of GPS also be ensured.

(By order of the Governor)
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