



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - District level inspection committee for checking the feasibility of proposal for setting up Faecal sludge Treatment Plants(FSTPs) in degraded land - Constituted - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (WM)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2558/2022/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 21-10-2022

Read:- (1) Minutes of the meeting held on 17.10.2022 convened by Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD

(2) Letter No. 4068/G/2022/SM dated 20.10.2022 from the Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission.

ORDER

A clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is a basic entitlement and a basic responsibility of the people. Setting up of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants in the State is the need of the hour, but projects for the same have been hampered seriously by the non availability of land, primarily due to local agitations and resistance. It has been decided to explore the scope of identifying degraded lands including quarries, which have road access, and no human habitation nearby, for the purpose of setting up FSTPs. It is highly essential that the feasibility of using such sites for FSTPs is assessed, for which a site suitability checklist has been drawn up in consultation with technical service providers and experts in liquid waste management. The sites have to be taken through a process of secondary assessment based on information available, shortlisting of suitable sites based on site visits, determination of land value and purchase/procurement. The field assessment has to be completed by November 7, 2022, so as to be able to fit into the plan cycle of the current year.

(2) As per letter read as 2nd paper above, Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission has suggested to constitute a district level Technical

team with the following officials to do the assessment based on records and georeferenced maps and information, and to complete the field assessment in time bound manner :

- i. Executive Engineer, LID &EW (Convenor)
- ii. District Environmental Engineer, KSPCB
- iii. Co-ordinator, District Suchitwa Mission.

(3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to constitute a district level Technical team with the following officials to evaluate the feasibility of using sites for construction of FSTP .

- i. Executive Engineer, LID &EW (Convenor).
- ii. District Environmental Engineer, KSPCB.
- iii. Co-ordinator, District Suchitwa Mission.

(4) The committee shall verify the feasibility of the degraded land as per list provided of abandoned quarries, and as per information available from the district administration, primarily through desktop assessment and subsequently through field verification as per the attached site selection checklist. Suchitwa Mission shall render the necessary guidance for the Inspection team. All sites which do not fall in eco-sensitive areas, which do not have water supply schemes utilising the harvested water of the quarries, and which have at least 50 cents of land may be inspected and all details as needed in the checklist be collected.

(5) The District Collectors will be responsible for providing necessary support and ensuring coordination and timely completion of the assessment in such a way as to find maximum number of suitable sites for the FSTPs. It may be ensured that the deadline of 7.11.22 is strictly adhered to and if needed, more teams are created at the district level for covering all shortlisted sites. The district teams will collate the data and identify the most suitable sites for finalising FSTPs. These reports will be scrutinised, evaluated and endorsed by the District collectors, following which urgent action is to be taken for procuring the land needed for the projects. Detailed instructions on the same will be separately issued.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

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