



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Formulation of State Urban Policy- Constitution of ‘Kerala Urban Policy Commission’ - Sanctioned -Orders Issued

Local Self Government (DC) Department

G.O (Ms) No: 219/2023/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 22-12-2023

- Read.- 1. Letter No SBE/SMMU/AMRUT/21/2023 dated 8/09/2023, from the Mission Director, AMRUT.
2. Letter dated 26/09/2023 from the Director, KILA.

ORDER

There was an announcement in the Kerala Budget Speech 2023 that a new ‘Kerala Urban Policy’ will be formulated, in view of the findings of various studies done by central and state Government agencies that more than 90% of the Kerala would be urbanised by the year 2035, as per parameters for urbanisation defined in Census.

2. Government accordingly decided to formulate a comprehensive Urban policy for Kerala, incorporating short-term and long-term strategies, in line with the development vision of our state, and also taking into account the nature of urbanization in our state and the associated complexities.
3. Government therefore decided to constitute the ‘Kerala Urban Policy Commission’ comprising national and international experts to formulate a comprehensive urban policy for Kerala. The policy would take into account the impact of climate change and the fast pace of urbanisation in our state. The policy would be aligned with the roadmap for the development of our state for the next 25 years.

4. Orders are accordingly issued constituting the 'Kerala Urban Policy Commission' with the following experts for preparing a comprehensive 'Kerala Urban Policy'.

Structure of the Kerala Urban Policy Commission Secretariat

Chair: Dr. M. Satish Kumar, Senior Associate Professor & Director, Queens India Academy, QU Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom.

Co-chair: Adv. M. Anilkumar, Hon. Mayor, Kochi Corporation & Chairperson, Mayors' Council, Kerala.

Co-chair: Dr. E. Narayanan, Former faculty, CEPT University, Ahmedabad and Urban and Regional Planning Consultant, World Bank & ADB.

Member Secretary: Secretary, Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala.

Members

1. Dr. Janaki Nair, Professor (Retd), Centre for Historical Studies, JNU.
2. Sri. Krishnadas, Chairperson, Guruvayur Municipality & Chairperson, Chamber of Municipal Chairpersons.
3. Prof. Dr. K. S. James, Former Director, International Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai.
4. Sri. V. Suresh, Former CMD, HUDCO.
5. Sri. Hithesh Vaidya, Former Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi.
6. Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dean, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi.
7. Dr. Y. V. N. Krishnamoorthi, Former Registrar, IIST, Thiruvananthapuram.
8. Prof. K. T. Raveendran, Academic Advisor, RICS School of Built Environment, Noida.
9. Sri. Tikender Singh Panwar, Former Deputy Mayor, Shimla.

5. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the functioning of the 'Kerala Urban Policy Commission' are approved and appended to this order.

6. The tenure of the Commission will be 12 months from inception. The Commission will, however, issue periodic thematic reports and an interim report after 6 months, based on the outputs and reports from the monthly Kerala Urban Dialogues, Planning Labs etc.

7. Sanction is accorded for establishing the Secretariat of the 'Kerala Urban Policy Commission' at KILA (Kerala Institute of Local Administration) and to establish a special cell under 'KILA Urban Chair' for providing necessary support for the academic activities of the Commission.

8. Funds for the working of the Commission can be sourced from the funds earmarked under 'AMRUT Urban Reforms Incentive fund' with the approval of the State High Powered Steering Committee for AMRUT and also from the KfW grant under the World Bank funded RKI 'P for R' project, with approval of the competent authority.

9. Sanction is also accorded to the Commission to refer to learning outcomes and findings from various urban projects (World Bank funded RKI 'P for R' project, KfW supported Urban Observatory Project, AMRUT, KSWMP etc), in order to develop and formulate policy insights for preparing and formulating the Kerala Urban Policy.

(By Order of Governor)

Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph

Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Director, Local Self Government Department

Director General, KILA

Mission Director, AMRUT

Members, Kerala Urban Policy Commission (Through Director General, KILA)

Principal Accountant General (Audit 1 /Audit 2/A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

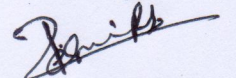
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