



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department-Office arrangements for the newly appointed post of Commissioner, Disaster Management-Sanctioned-Orders Issued.

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.772/2020/DMD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01/10/2020

- Read 1 G.O. (Rt) No. 2286/2020/GAD (AIS A) Dated, Thiruvananthapuram  
16.7.2020
- 2 Letter No. 01/CDM/ 2020 dated 24.7.2020 (Joining Report)
  - 3 Letter No. 09/CDM/2020 dated 24.7.2020

**ORDER**

As per GO read above, a new post of Commissioner, Disaster Management was created and Dr A. Kowsigan, IAS, Secretary, Land Board was transferred and posted as Commissioner, Disaster Management. He has joined as Commissioner, Disaster Management (CDM) assuming charge on 17.7.2020.

He has now represented that the Commissioner, Disaster Management, being a newly created post has no designated office space, support staff or other essential resources and has requested that an office has to be set up at the earliest to officiate effectively.

In this context, Government having considered the representation are pleased to sanction the following arrangements:

1. Head Quarters: As the Officer has State-wide jurisdiction and as he has to constantly liaise with the State Relief Commissioner, KSDMA, Secretaries to Government, HODs of other Departments, NDMA and other agencies of Government who are partners in Disaster Management, for administrative reasons and in the best interest of effective administration, the Head Quarters of the Commissioner, Disaster Management shall be Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The State Government considered it necessary u/s 16 of the Disaster Management Act, 2007 (r. w. rule 9 of the KSDM Rules, 2007), to provide the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, the services of a full time member

/officer of the Indian Administrative Service, to assist the Authority in carrying out its functions. The post of Commissioner, Disaster Management, was thus created as above, in order to strengthen the Disaster Management (DM) apparatus in the State under the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Kerala. The Commissioner, DM shall head the office of the KSDMA and utilize the resources of the office for the discharge of his official duties. All files (administrative and technical) shall be routed through the Commissioner, DM.

Under section 38 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, each State Government shall take all measures specified in the 'Guidelines laid down by the National Disaster Management Authority and such further measures as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of disaster management, subject to the provisions of the Act. The roles and responsibilities of the Commissioner, DM shall be aligned with the implementation of the measures suggested in sub-section 2 of section 38 of the above Act .As such the Commissioner ,Disaster Management, shall assist the State Government in taking all or any of the following measures, namely:-

- a. "coordination of actions of different departments of the Government of the State, the State Authority, District Authorities, local authority and other non-governmental organizations;
- b. cooperation and assistance in the disaster management to the National Authority and National Executive committee, the State Authority and the State Executive Committee, and the District Authorities;
- c. cooperation with, and assistance to, the Ministries or Departments of the Government of India in disaster management, as requested by them or otherwise deemed appropriate by it;
- d. allocation of funds for measures for prevention of disaster, mitigation, capacity building and preparedness by the departments of the Government of the state in accordance with the provisions of the State Plan and the District Plans;
- e. ensure that the integration of measures for prevention of disaster or mitigation by the departments of the Government of the State in their development plans and projects;
- f. integrate in the State development plan, measures to reduce or mitigate the vulnerability of different parts of the State to different disasters;
- g. ensure the preparation of disaster management plans by different departments of the State in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the National Authority and the State Authority;
- h. establishment of adequate warning systems up to the level of vulnerable

communities

- i. ensure that different departments of the Government of the State and the District Authorities take appropriate preparedness measures;
- j. ensure that in a threatening disaster situation or disaster, the resources of different departments of the Government of the State are made available to the National Executive Committee or the state Executive Committee or the District Authorities as the case may be, for the purposes of effective response, rescue and relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster;
- k. . provide rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance to the victims of any disaster;and
- l. such other matters as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of securing effective implementation of provisions of this Act."

The Commissioner, DM shall be a special invitee to the meetings of the State Executive Committee, when the Chairman of the SEC, so desires. The Commissioner, DM shall assist the State Executive Committee in discharging its functions under the Act.

The Commissioner, Disaster Management (CDM) is expected to work in close association with the Revenue and Disaster Management machinery in the Districts headed by the District Collectors, the DDMA's, the State Authority, NDMA and other Departments & Agencies under the Government of Kerala, in matters pertaining to DM .The Commissioner, Disaster Management shall also act as a link between the KSDMA and the Government (Disaster Management Department) in matters pertaining to Disaster Management. The office of the Commissioner, Disaster Management shall effectively strengthen the hands of the Principal Secretary, Revenue and DM who is also the State Relief Commissioner.

In this manner, office space, HR and other essential resources including vehicle, funds etc for the newly created post of Commissioner, DM are taken care of while also augmenting the DM apparatus in the State.

(By order of the Governor)  
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