

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

CONSTITUTUIN OF FIRST FINANCE COMMISSION FOR DISTICT COUNCILS
ORDERS ISSUED

FINANCE (DISTRICT COUNCIL- BUDGET) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P) No. 334/91/Fin.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 8th April, 1991.

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Government under Section 51 of Kerala District Administration Act, 1979 (Act 7 of 1980), Government are pleased to constitute a Finance Commission for District Councils with the following member:

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| 1. | Prof. I . S. Gulati,
Vice-Chairman.
State Planning Board | ... | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. S. B. Sen,
V M Jodhpur Park,
Calcutta-68. | ... | Member |
| 3. | Shri M. Mohan Kumar,
Commissioner & Secretary,
Finance Department Government
of Kerala | ... | Member |

2. The term of the Commission Will be Six months from the date of this order.

3. The Commission will make recommendations to the Government on the following matters

- (a) the pattern of assistance from the Government to the District Councils;
- (b) the principles which should govern the grant-in-aid from Government to the District Councils;
- (c) the date from which the grants-in-aid or assistance is to given effect; and
- (d) the possibility of assigning to the District Council a percentage of the proceeds from any tax an collected by the Government from the District

4. In making recommendations the Commission shall---
 - (a) examine the expenditure requirements both under Plan and Non plan, keeping in view the subjects transferred and functions assigned to the District Councils and local bodies in the State so as to decide the pattern of assistance.
 - (b) examine the financial relations as between State, District Councils and Local Bodies keeping in view the existing financing pattern of local bodies.
 - (c) Assess the performance of the local bodies with respect to the taxes and fees levied and collected by them, and changes required, if any, while examining the scope of assigning to the District Councils, a share of the proceeds from any tax levied and collected by the Government.
5. In making its recommendations, the Commission Shall have regard among other considerations, to the resources of the State Government and the demands thereon, on account of expenditure on civil administration, development debt servicing and other committed expenditure or liabilities etc.
6. The Commission shall indicate the basis on which inter-se distribution of the transfers from the State to the District should be made from the period covered by report.
7. In addition, in the interests of sound finances and efficient functioning the Commission shall---
 - (i) examine the existing allocation of development programmes to Districts Councils and local bodies and the corresponding financial outlays transferred and suggest improvements thereon keeping in view the minimum development needs of the district for reducing regional disparities; and
 - (ii) recommend the principles which should govern the transfer of funds including grants-in-aid from the government and District Councils to Panchayats and other local bodies.
8. The commission itself may undertake or undertake through experts, specialists or institutions, studies considered necessary in the pursuance of its tasks.

By order of the Governor

PADMA RAMACHANDRAN
Chief Secretary.

To

The Members of Commission.
The Accountant General (A & E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

All Heads of Departments and offices.
All Secretaries of District Councils.
All Departments (all sections) of the Secretariat.
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission.
The Registrar, High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam.
The Advocate General, Ernakulam.
The Secretary to Governor.
The private Secretaries to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.
The Director of Public Relations.
The Commissioner for Local Government, Secretariat.
The General Administration (SC) Department (vide proceedings of council of Ministers dated 3-4-1991(Item No.3373)).
The Finance (Administration--A) Section.