

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest and Wildlife Department– Kerala Forestry Project- Participatory Forest Management- Village Eco-Development Programme- Criteria for selection of Non-Government Organisation- Approved- Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) 229/98/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram,19-05-1998

Read: (1) G.O. (Ms) 8/98/F&WLD. Dated 16-1-1998
(2) G.O. (Ms) No. 9/98\F&WLD Dated 20.1.1998
(2) Letter No. PC4 819/97, Dated 31-13-98 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, (World Bank Project), Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

1. Based on the negotiations for Kerala Forestry Project, Government had already issued guidelines for implementation of Participatory Forest Management and Village Eco-Development Programme as per the Government Orders read as Ist and 2nd paper above. As per item No.16 of the Agreed minutes of appraisal, criteria for selection of Non Government Organisations is to be prepared and submitted to the World Bank Project. The Chief Conservator of Forests (World Bank Project) has submitted a draft criteria and requested Government approval for the same.

2. Government have examined the draft in detail and are pleased to approve the criteria, which is appended, for selection of Non Government Organisation for the implementation of Participatory Forest Management programme and Village Eco-Development Programme.

(By Order of the Governor)

Sd/-

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KERALA FORESTRY PROJECT

Appendix to G.O (MS) 229/98 Dated 19.05.1998

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF NGOS

Criteria for Selection of NGO's to be involved in the Kerala Forestry Project: In support of Participatory Forest Management, Village Eco-development Programme and Forestry Extension Programmes:

1. The NGO should be a local organization/state level organization having local unit and registered under the relevant State laws.
2. The NGO should demonstrate internal stability and should have an activity record of the least 3 years from the time of registration.
3. It should have at least two years experience in forestry and natural resource management or related community development activities.
4. It will be desirable that the organization have some experience of collaboration with Government Departments, Panchayaths and Local Administration.
5. The NGO should have experience in participatory process related to planning, implementation and monitoring of community development programmes.
6. The NGO should demonstrate experience in project budgeting and accounting and should have ability to regularly maintain its accounting records and audited annual statement of income and expenditure.
7. The NGO should have work experience in the localities selected for the project and have sufficient trained staff members conversant with local dialects and customs and have good knowledge of the socio-economic and political situation of the area.
8. The NGO should not be affiliated to political parties.
9. The NGO should be able to document its qualifications and track record based on available documents and on going project activities.