



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – MGNREGA - Establishment of the office of Ombudsman for redressal of grievances - Selection Committee re-constituted - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT(DD)DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.155/2019/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02/12/2019

- Read 1 Revised guidelines for appointment of Ombudspersons under MGNREGA issued by Government of India vide J-11011/21/2008-NREGA(Pt) dated 28.08.2017
- 2 G.O.(MS)No.107/2017/LSGD dated 30.05.2017
- 3 G.O.(Rt)No.3602/2017/LSGD dated 07.11.2017
- 4 Interim order of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on 23.10.2019 in the W.A No.2151/2019 filed by Sri.Sathianathan T.K. & another.

ORDER

As per Section 30 Schedule I of MGNREG Act, the States are mandated to appoint an Ombudsperson for each district for receiving grievances relating to implementation of MGNREGA, enquiring and passing awards. A Selection Committee was constituted in the State for preparing a panel of suitable persons for consideration for appointment as Ombudspersons under MGNREG Act as per the Government order read as 2nd and 3rd paper above. The draft rank list prepared by the Selection Committee had been cancelled as it was observed that, while preparing the rank list, the Selection Committee had not completely adhered with the instructions of Government of India issued vide 1st paper read above. The persons included in the ranked list approached the Hon'ble High Court but the Hon'ble Court justified the action of Government. Aggrieved by this the petitioners have filed a Writ Appeal but the Hon'ble High Court give the nod for proceeding with the selection process of Ombudspersons with the condition that the selection, if any, made to the post of Ombudsman at Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will be subject to the final outcome of the above Writ Appeal. As the Chairman of the Selection Committee has retired from service now, the Selection Committee needs to be re-constituted to resume the selection process.

2. In the above circumstances, Government are pleased to re-constitute the Selection Committee with the following composition for preparing a panel of suitable persons for consideration for appointment as Ombudspersons under MGNREG Act and ranking them in order of preference.

1. Sri T.K. Jose IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD - Chairman
2. Representative of Union Ministry of Rural Development - Member
3. Eminent Civil Society person nominated by Union Ministry of Rural Development- Member
4. Principal Secretary of Local Self Government (Rural) Department - Member Convenor

(By order of the Governor)
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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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