



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Environment Department-State Plan, 2008-09-Environmental Research and Development - Committee for co-ordination and planning - Modalities for functioning - Approved - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Rt) No. 80/08/Envt.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20.09.08

Read: - G.O. (Rt) No. 55/08/Envt dated 16.06.08

ORDER

Government, vide G.O. read above constituted a three member committee to prioritize, appraise, and award research activities to competent institutions, utilising an amount of Rupees 25 lakh (Rs.25,00,000/- Only) provided for 'Environmental Research and Development' in the B.E, 2008-09.

Government are now pleased to approve the following modalities for the functioning of the committee.

- The Committee will invite applications/projects from research organizations, universities and individuals on the projects in line with the research priorities laid down in the state plan and/or decided by the Committee.
- The Environment Management Agency will be the secretariat of the Committee and will monitor and maintain the accounts including review/presentation of the final reports of the project and follow up on their application/replication.
- Invitation may be for *suo moto* projects within the scope of the laid down priorities, or for commissioned projects direct from specific institutions as decided by the Committee. The format for the projects/studies will be prescribed along with the guidelines for proposals.

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- While the research project will be aimed at addressing the environmental issues and concerns of the Kerala State, proposals on relevant topics from the organizations all over the Country will be considered. However, collaboration with agencies from Kerala and the proposals from within the state will be preferred on cost considerations, without compromising the quality of the project.
- The proposals received will be put up before the Committee for consideration. The Committee may refer the projects to peer groups and/or referees, approve the projects as such, seek modifications in methodology, schedule, format or cost of the proposal or reject it without assigning any reason. Environment Management Agency will establish and maintain a panel of experts for this purpose. Specialists may also be invited in the Committee meetings as special invitees.
- Based on the recommendations of the committee, Environment Management Agency Kerala will issue sanction order for the project, specifying the conditions prescribed by the Committee.
- The applicant institution will need to execute an undertaking as acceptance of the conditions for taking up the project as per the guidelines and conditions prescribed. The full text of guidelines and conditions will be appended to the undertaking.
- After receipt of the undertaking, the first instalment of funds will be released to the institution. For the projects with the project period less than 2 years, total funds will be released in 3 instalments in the order of 40%, 40% and 20% of the total amount sanctioned for the project. If the project period is more than 2 years, yearly requirement, as approved by the Committee, will be released as first and subsequent instalments on yearly basis and last year's requirement will be treated as the last instalment. While first instalment will be released as envisaged above, subsequent ones will be

released based on appraisal of the progress and submission of details of utilization of at least 80% of the funds released. Last instalment will be released on receipt of the draft final report of the project and its appraisal by the Committee, based on the recommendations.

- * The final report/outcome of the project will be presented before the Committee and outcome will be appraised *vis a vis* the objectives of the proposal. The Committee will consider and make appropriate recommendation not only about the payment of final instalment but also on the follow up action to be taken on the outcome of the project.
- The ongoing research activities under this scheme by all the organisations will also be appraised in accordance with the above modalities and within the guidelines being issued from time to time. The details of progress in each of the programme/projects in progress will be reported to the Environment Management Agency for follow up.

The Committee is empowered to approve the guidelines and take decision on the prioritization of the fields for research and development activities in this scheme in line with those laid down in the State Annual Plan document for 2008-09.

(By Order of the Governor)

Sd/-

C.K. VISWANATHAN
Secretary to Government

To

✓ The Members of the Committee. (Dr. S.K. Khanduri, Director, EMAC, Tpm)
The Executive Vice President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Sastra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
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