



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department– Formation and Training of Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) in Local Self-Government Institutions – Sanction of Funds – Orders Issued.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.266/2026/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 30-06-2026

Read 1 Proposal received from Member Secretary, KSDMA

2 G.O(Ms)No.156/2019/LSGD dated 04/12/2019

3 Minutes of the State Executive meeting of KSDMA held on 26/04/2025.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Member Secretary, KSDMA has informed that in the wake of increasing disaster incidents, both natural and anthropogenic, the Government recognizes the critical importance of effective community-based disaster preparedness and response mechanisms. The response phase in a disaster emphasizes in addressing the immediate and short-term needs. In such scenarios, the local community serves as the first responder. Therefore, it is imperative to equip them with adequate training to ensure resilience and preparedness.

2) As per the Government Order read as 2nd paper above, all Local Self-Government Institutions (LSGIs) were directed to constitute Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) within their jurisdictions. These teams are to be developed across four core domains, namely:

- (i) First Aid
- (ii) Camp Management
- (iii) Search, Rescue and Evacuation
- (iv) Early Warning Dissemination

Community members, regardless of gender, shall be selected and trained in these thematic areas, utilizing their indigenous knowledge and familiarity

with local terrain and circumstances.

3) The State Executive Committee meeting of KSDMA held on 26th April 2025 has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 50,38,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Thirty-Eight Thousand Only) from the SDRF Preparedness and Capacity Building Window, for ERTs training in LSGs.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to sanction and release an amount of Rs. 50,38,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Thirty-Eight Thousand Only) from the SDRF 2245-02-101-94-01 Preparedness and Capacity Building Window, to the STSB Account No. 188 of the Member Secretary, KSDMA, maintained at the District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram, for conducting ERT training in Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs).

5) The Finance Officer, Disaster Management Department, shall take necessary steps to transfer and credit the above amount to the said account.

(By order of the Governor)
JEEVAN BABU K I A S
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

The Commissioner, Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commissioner, Disaster Management

The Member Secretary, KSDMA.

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

Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance Officer, Disaster Management Department.

The Information Officer, Web & New Media,I&PRD.

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