



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Planning and Economic Affairs (Development & Innovation) Department-K-DISC-Vijnana Keralam Programme- Participation of the Member Secretary, K-DISC in Various Meetings (Hyderabad and New Delhi), 18–21 September 2025 – Conduct of Air Journey- Ex post facto Administrative Sanction Accorded and Release of Payment to CMD – Orders Issued

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.38/2026/PLG&EA (DVPMT & INNOVATION)

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 02-05-2026

Read 1 G.O (P) No.12/2019/Fin dated 16.02.2019

2 G.O.(Ms)No.14/2021/PLG&EA(DVPMT&INNOVATION)dated 24.09.2021

3 G.O.(Rt)No.38/2022/PLG&EA(DVPMT&INNOVATION)dated 27.12.2022

4 G.O.(Rt)No.34/2026/PLG&EA(DVPMT&INNOVATION)dated 07.04.2026

5 Letter No.3270/2025/KDISC/L-312 dated 17.04.2026 from the Executive Director (Management Service), K-DISC

ORDER

In the G.O read as 1st above, the Government have mandated that all journeys by air outside the State by all the officers of the Government/Autonomous Bodies/grant-in-aid institutions and Chief Executives of PSUs should be approved by the Government. Orders for such journeys would be taken after circulating the file through the Secretary of the Department to the Minister concerned.

2. As per G.O. read as 2nd above, a Technical Resource Centre (TRC) was constituted to manage and implement various activities of Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM). Subsequently, TRC was established through the Centre for Management Development (CMD) to implement and manage the KKEM initiative of K-DISC.

3. In the Government Order read as 3rd above, the Government have declared the Centre for Management Development (CMD) as a partner institution of K-DISC for implementing projects under various State Plan schemes of K-DISC with retrospective effect from 01.11.2022. Also, sanction has been accorded to release State Plan Fund on request to the Centre for Management Development (CMD) for implementing State Plan Schemes of K-DISC, being considered as a partner institution.

4. As per the G.O. read as 4th above, Administrative sanction was accorded for the three on-going schemes of K-DISC, viz., 'Innovation Challenge Fund', 'Knowledge Economy Fund' and 'Vijnana Keralam Programme' for implementation during the first quarter of current financial year for a total amount of ₹12,00,00,000 (Rupees Twelve Crore Only).

5. As per the paper read as 5th above, the Executive Director (Management Service), K-DISC has informed that as part of efforts to expand the employer base of Vijnana Keralam and create greater employment opportunities for Kerala, K-DISC has initiated engagement with leading employers and industry forums across India. In July 2025, the Member Secretary, K-DISC, commenced discussions with Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) to explore collaboration with the Government of Kerala under the Vijnana Keralam initiative. An Expression of Interest (EOI) template has subsequently been shared with ACFI to identify job opportunities and formalise the partnership. In this context, ACFI has invited the Member Secretary to attend the Cold Chain Unbroken 2025 conference scheduled for 18–19 September 2025 at Novotel Hyderabad Airport Hotel. The conference provides an opportunity to engage with global leaders from the pharma, perishables, logistics, and technology sectors, present the Vijnana Keralam programme, and understand industry requirements. Further, to strengthen employer outreach, the demand-side partner of K-DISC, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), organised employer meetings for the Member Secretary on 19–20 September 2025. This initiative builds on earlier engagements held prior to the Skill Summit, which generated substantial interest among employers in partnering with the Government of Kerala under Vijnana Keralam. The proposed meetings aim to connect with major national employers and aggregate employment opportunities for Kerala. Additionally, two K-DISC programmes — Innovation Ecosystem (YIP) and Use of Technology in Governance (ET Project) — have been selected as finalists for the SKOCH Award 2025. The final ceremony held on 20 September 2025 in New Delhi. The Director of SKOCH has invited the Member Secretary to participate in the event, which will provide a national platform to showcase K-DISC initiatives and engage with senior government officials and industry leaders. Also, to expand the employer base of Vijnana Keralam Programme and bring more opportunities to Kerala, efforts have been initiated to connect with major employers and employer forums across India. As part of this initiative, a meeting with the Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) was conducted on 21st September 2025 under the leadership of the Member Secretary, K-DISC, to explore potential avenues of collaboration between ACFI and the Government of Kerala for Vijnana Keralam.

6. The Executive Director (Management Service), K-DISC has also informed that the travel and accommodation arrangements of Member Secretary, K-DISC were facilitated through the Centre for Management Development (CMD). The detailed itinerary is given in Table 1.

Table 1

Date	Place	Purpose
18.09.2025		Cold Chain Unbroken 2025 Conference
19.09.2025	Trivandrum to Hyderabad via Bangalore	Employer Meetings at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

20.09.2025	Hyderabad to Delhi & Back	SKOCH Award 2025
21.09.2025	Hyderabad	Employer Engagement Meeting with ACFI for Vijnana Keralam
21.09.2025	Hyderabad to Trivandrum via Bangalore	Back to K-DISC

7. Accordingly, the Centre for Management Development has incurred an amount of ₹76,120/- (Rupees Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred and Twenty only) including 5% administration cost, towards facilitating the travel and accommodation arrangements of Member Secretary, K-DISC for attending meetings in Hyderabad and Delhi. Details of the expenses are given in Table 2.

Table 2

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
1	Accommodation Expense	3,540
2	Flight Charges	67,356
3	Local Transportation Charges	999
4	Miscellaneous	600
	Sub Total	72,495
5	Administration Cost @ 5%	3,625
	Total	76,120

8. In these circumstances, the Executive Director (Management Service), K-DISC has also requested to accord sanction for the following:

- i. Ex post facto sanction for the official visit of the Member Secretary, K-DISC to Hyderabad and Delhi for participation in the ACFI “Cold Chain Unbroken 2025” Conference on 18 September 2025, employer meetings with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 19 September 2025, the SKOCH Award 2025 Ceremony on 20 September 2025 and Employer Engagement Meeting with ACFI for Vijnana Keralam on 21 September 2025 respectively as mentioned in Table 1 above.
- ii. Ex post facto Sanction for the conduct of to & fro air journey of the Member Secretary, K-DISC to Hyderabad and Delhi as per Table 1 above.
- iii. Release of an amount of ₹76,120/- (**Rupees Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred and Twenty only**) including administration cost, to the following bank account of Centre for Management Development (Table 3) as actual expenditure incurred for facilitating the travel arrangements of Member Secretary, K-DISC in connection with the official visits to Hyderabad and Delhi as per Table 2 above;

Table-3

Bank Account

Beneficiary Name	Bank & Branch	Number	IFS Code
Centre for Management Development	Canara Bank, Sasthamangalam	0821101017179	CNRB0000821

9. The Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for the following;

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- iv. Ex Post facto sanction for facilitating aforementioned travel expense through the TRC of K-DISC through the CMD.

10. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of K-DISC will transfer credit the amount to the bank account of the CMD based on the proceedings issued by the Executive Vice Chairperson, K-DISC.

11. The expenditure in this regard will be met from the allocation for the component 'Programme Management Office' under the h/a "3451-00-092-87- Knowledge Economy Fund (P/V) released as per the G.O read as 4th above.

(By order of the Governor)
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