



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Fire & Rescue Services- Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of State Fire Services from the earmarked allocation for Preparedness & Capacity Building Fund under NDRF –Recommendations of 15 th Finance Commission (XV-FC) - Grant - Administrative Sanction accorded- Orders Issued.

HOME (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2802/2025/HOME Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-08-2025

Read: 1. Letters No.VI-14028/18/2023-DGCD(F) Dated 28-10-2024 & 13-11-2024 from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee of National
2. Executive Committee held on 29.01.2025 under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary.

Letter No 1-45011/80/2024-Ad(CD) dated 09/04/2025 of
3 the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (Disaster Management Division)

Letter No.13(2)/FCD2025 dated 08/04/2025 of Ministry of
4 Finance , Department of Expenditure , Finance Commission Division .

5. Letter No.FIREHQ/2897/2023-BA1 dated 30-10-2024, 26-11-2024 ,16-04-2025& 15.07.2025 from the Director General, Fire&Rescue Services.

ORDER

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended an earmarked allocation of Rs.162.25 Crore (Rupees One Hundred Sixty Two Crore and Twenty Five Lakh Only) for Expansion and Modernization of Kerala Fire Services with Rs.121.07 crore as Central share and Rs.41.18 crore as a matching state share (25 % of the allocated fund + Rs.0.62 cr).

2. The Government of India approved the proposal submitted by the Fire & Rescue Services Department and an MoU has been signed between Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Government of Kerala. Subsequently, the first installment of Rs.36.32 crore (30% of Rs.121.07 crore) has been released towards the 1 st installment .

3. The Director General , Fire & Rescue Services submitted a comprehensive proposal for Administrative Sanction for the following items/ facilities included in the scheme " Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services":

| No | Item/Facility required | Total Cost (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Expansion of Fire Services | | |
| a. | Setting up of new Fire Stations | 48.675 |
| b. | Strengthening of State Training Centres & Capacity Building | 8.1125 |
| 2. Modernisation of Fire Service | | |
| a. | Provision of Modern Fire Fighting Equipment | 73.0125 |
| b.(i) | Strengthening of State Headquarters | 4.4525 |
| (ii) | Strengthening of Urban Fire Stations | 3.66 |
| c. | State Specific Demand | 24.3376 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | 162.25 |

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the projects listed in the above table. This sanction is subject to the condition that funds shall be utilized **prioritizing only non-recurring components that can be fully expended within the stipulated time frame**, i.e. March 31, 2026, instead of recurring expenditures like "Setting up of new Fire Stations" which involve the creation of posts and incur liabilities beyond March 31, 2026. The projects shall be completed and fund utilised within the above time frame in compliance of the directions of Government of India in this regard.

(By order of the Governor)
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