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Date:08-08-2023

Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Kerala

NOTIFICATION

For the Selection of Ombudsperson at District Level

In exercise of the powers conferred under see 27 Schedule I of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Central Government directed the State Government to set up the office of the Ombudsperson at the district level as part of strengthening the existing administrative machinery for the disposal of grievances with regard to the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. As per section 30, Schedule I of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, States are mandated to appoint an Ombudsperson for each district for receiving grievances, enquiring into and passing awards as per guidelines issued.

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS State Mission invites applications to the post of Ombudsperson in Kottayam District (one vacancy). The eligibility criteria, terms of employment and other details are given below:

Eligibility and conditions for application:

- 1. The application for the post of Ombudsperson (in prescribed format annexed here) is invited for Kottayam District. Application shall be furnished in the same format with all supporting documents as required therein.
- 2. The selection committee constituted by State for the purpose shall prepare the panel of suitable persons for consideration for appointment as Ombudsperson which shall be valid for two years, extendable not more than twice by one year each, subject to decision of Government.
- 3. Candidates shall be with eminent standing and impeccable integrity with at least 10 years of experience as on the date of notification in public administration, law, academics, social work or management as per documents furnished along with the application.
- 4. Experience in working with people or community organizations shall be a mandatory qualification.
- 5. No person who is a member of a recognized political party or a banned organization shall be considered for appointment as Ombudsperson. Each person shall be required to file a separate declaration to this effect along with the application.

- 6. The persons selected as Ombudsperson must be physically active and capable of conducting field tours, inspections and visits to remote rural locations in the district.
- 7. Age should not be above 66 years as on 1/08/2023.

Tenure

The Ombudsperson shall be appointed for two years extendable not more than twice by one year each, based on a performance appraisal process or till the incumbent attains the age of 68 years which ever is earlier. There shall be no reappointment.

Remuneration

- The Ombudsperson shall be allowed compensation, in the form of a fee of Rs. 2250/-(Two thousand two hundred & fifty Rupees only) per sitting with an upper limit of Rs. 45,000/- (Forty-five Thousand Rupees only) per month.
- 2. Ombudsperson will be eligible for TA/DA permissible for class I officers in the State Service for the journey within the district and attending meetings organized by Government/ Mahatma Gandhi NREGS State Mission.
- 3. Vehicle hire charges up to Rs. 20000/- as monthly ceiling

Powers and Responsibility of Ombudsperson (in brief)

The Ombudsperson shall have power to :

- 1. Receive complaints from Mahatma Gandhi NREGA workers and others on matters related with execution of Mahatma Gandhi NREG Scheme either at office or in the field during a field inspection and consider such complaints and pass award within 30 days from the date of receipt of complaint.
- 2. Issue directions for conducting spot investigation.
- 3. Initiate proceedings suo moto in the event of any circumstances arising within his jurisdiction that may lead to grievances including on issues related to delayed payment of wages or non payment of unemployment allowance as recorded in the MIS.
- 4. Direct redressal, disciplinary and corrective actions.
- 5. Report his/her awards to the District Programme Coordinator and Principal Secretary of Nodal Department.

The Ombudsperson shall be responsible for:

- 1. Ensuring proper processing of complaints and grievances made or reported to him/her.
- 2. Maintaining confidentiality of any information or document coming into his/her

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knowledge or possession in the course of discharging his/ her duties and not disclose such information or document to the extent considered by him to be reasonably required to comply with the principles of natural justice and fair play in the proceedings.

- 3. Sending a quarterly report to the Chief Secretary and Secretary, State Nodal Department recommending appropriate action. The report shall specially highlight cases where action needs to be taken against erring Mahatma Gandhi NREGS functionaries for their failure to redress grievances. The report will be accompanied by primary evidence needed to initiate action against the delinquent persons.
- 4. Furnishing a report every year, containing a general review of activities of the office of the Ombudsperson during the preceding financial year to the Chief Secretary and the Secretary, State Nodal Department along with such other Information as may be considered necessary by him/her. In the annual report, the Ombudsperson, on the basis of grievance handled by him/her, will review the quality of the working of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS authorities and make recommendations to improve Implementation of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. The report shall be displayed on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS website.
- 5. Compiling a list of 'awards' of Ombudsperson between April & March of each financial year in respect of every Mahatma Gandhi NREGS Authority complained against and report it to the Chief Secretary of the State and the State Nodal Department. Text of awards shall also be displayed on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS website by the State Nodal Department.
- 6. The Ombudsman will examine and deliver his awards on the subjects and items empowered by the provisions of Instructions of Ombudsman, the guidelines on Ombudman and based on the provisions of the Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act, the rules made thereon and the Schemes formulated by the State Government and the Orders, Circulars, Office Memorandums and instructions issued by Government of India and the State Government.

The application shall be sent by post in the prescribed format along with self attested copies of necessary documents to the Mission Director, Mahatma Gandhi NREGS State Mission, Public Office 3rd Floor, Revenue Complex, Vikas Bhavan PO, Thiruvananthapuram -33. The last date for receiving application is 23.08.23 5.00PM

Phone No. 0471-2313385,0471-2314385, 1800 425 1004(Helpline) Fax -0471- 2312385 email ID- mgnregakerala@gmail.com

Yours Faithfully,

Signed by Nizamudeen A I A S Date: 08-08-2023 11:47:10 1/97531/2023

MISSION DIRECTOR

Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Kerala

Application for the Post of Ombudsperson

1. Personal Information

1.1 Name:

1.2 Age (as on 01.08.23 (attach copy of birth certificate/authentic document showing Date of Birth):

1.3 Address for correspondence with Mobile No :

1.4 Permanent address (attach proof of residence):

1.5 Are you medically (physically & mentally) fit to conduct field visits ? (attach a medical fitness certificate)

1.6 Whether a member of any political party? (attach a personal affidavit certified by a notary public):

1.7 Whether convicted/ chargesheeted in a criminal case? (attach a personal declaration certified by a notary public) :

1.8 Do you have responsibility of implementing MGNREGA in any capacity presently ?

1.9 Whether worked as Ombudsperson in MGNREGS previously ?

2. Professional Information

2.1 Highest educational qualification (attach copy of certificates attested):

2.2 Total No. of years of work experience (attach copy of certificates attested):

2.3 Field Experience:

2.4 Last post/ position held, if any:

2.5 Member of any society/ professional body, if any (give details)

3. Declaration

It is certified that above information furnished by me are correct. I have gone through the notification and the "Instructions on Ombudsperson" issued by the Government of India and understand that this is a part time work in the nature of a pro bono public service and all functions are to be carried out within the purview and confines of the Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act, Rules and Schemes framed there under and operational guidelines issued by Govt. of India from time to time. Signature of the applicant:

Name of the applicant:

Place: Date:

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<u>വിജ്ഞാപനം</u> <u>ഓംബ്യഡ്സ്ക്രേൺ നിയമനം</u>

മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി എൻ.ആർ.ഇ.ജി.എസ്സ് ഓംബൂഡ്സ്പേഴ്ലണിനെ കോട്ടയം ജില്ലയിൽ നിയമിക്കന്നതിന് നിശ്ചിത യോഗൃതയുള്ളവരിൽ നിന്ന് അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിക്കന്നം. കൂടുതൽ വിവരങ്ങൾക്ക് www. kerala.gov.in, www. lsg kerala. gov.in, www.rdd.kerala.gov.in, www.nregs.kerala.gov.in. എന്നീ വെബ് സൈറ്റുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കുക. അപേക്ഷകൾ മിഷൻ ഡയറക്ടറ്റെടെ പേരിൽ മുകളിൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന വിലാസത്തിൽ 23.08.23 ന് വൈകന്നേരം 5 മണിവരെ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

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NOTIFICATION APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSPERSON

Applications are invited for the post of Ombudsperson, in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS of Kottayam District. For more details, please log on to www.kerala.gov.in, www.lsgdkerala.gov.in, www.rdd.kerala.gov.in, www.nregs.kerala.gov.in.

The last date and time of receipt of application is 23.08.2023, 5.00PM

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Signed by Nizamudeen A I A S Date: 08-08-2023 12:03:18 Mission Director

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