



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Social Justice Department – Report of the Committee constituted under the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in WP(C) 659/2007 filed by Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation – District Level Widow Cell for the welfare of widows-Constituted - Orders issued.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No. 317/2018/SJD. Thiruvananthapuram, Dated, 25.05.2018.

- Read: 1) Combined Judgment dated 11.08.2017 in WP (C) No.659/2007, WP (C) No.168/2012 & WP (C) No.133/2012 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- 2) D.O letter No.SW-47/10/2015-Swadhar dated 31.01.2018 from Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.

ORDER

As per the Judgment dated 11.08.2017, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had constituted a Committee to study various reports filed before the Court and to provide a Common Working Plan. The Committee submitted a Common Working Plan to mitigate the problems faced by the widows/destitute women. As per letter read as 2nd paper above, Government of India has requested the State Government to comply with Expert Committee report. As such every recommendations of the Expert Committee Report was considered.

After having examined the matter in detail Government are pleased to constitute a District Level Widow Cell comprising with the following members.

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| 1) District Magistrate | - | Chairman |
| 2) Secretary, DLSA, | - | Member |
| 3) Sub Divisional Magistrate | - | Member |
| 4) Additional Superintendent of Police | - | Member |
| 5) Deputy Chief Medical Officer | - | Member |
| 6) District Social Welfare Officer | - | Member |
| 7) Lady Legal Expert | - | Member |
| 8) Women Protection Officer | - | Chief Executive Officer |

The Widow Cell is collectively and individually responsible for planning, allocation and execution of work related to Registration of widows, Outreach to widows, Documentation, grievance redressal, response to Helpline and Help Desk, overseeing mechanisms for Shelter Homes, Health Services, Legal aid, Counselling, linking with livelihood and housing schemes, ensuring protection of the person; children and property of widows in their jurisdiction and networking with all the other District Widows' Cell, State and National mechanisms established for the welfare of widows.

A note on the suggested functions of the Widow Cell is appended.

(By order of the Governor)
BIJU PRABHAKAR
SPECIAL SECRETARY

The Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. (with C.L.)
The Advocate General, Ernakulam (with C.L.)
The Director, Women & Child Development Department, Poojappura, Tvpm.
The District Magistrate (Through Director, W&C Development Dept)
The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Vanchiyoor, Tvpm.
The Sub Divisional Magistrate (Through Director, W&C Development Dept)
The Additional Superintendent of Police - do -
The Deputy Chief Medical Officer - do -
The District Social Welfare Officer - do -
Women Protection Officer - do -
The Information Officer, Web & New Media Wing, Information and Public Relations Department (for publishing in the website).
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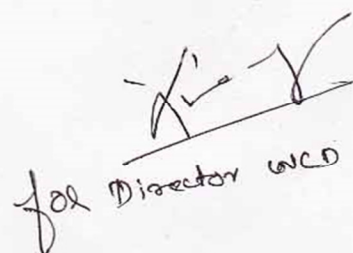
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for further necessary action.



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