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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department -Dog menace - Guidelines issued to the Local Government Institutions - Orders Issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (RC) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Rt) No.2840/2015/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram; 17.09.2015.

Read: 1) Note from the Principal Secretary, LSGD dated 16.09.2015.

2) Co ordination Committee decision dated 16.09.2015.

ORDER

The Co - ordination Committee in its meeting held on 16th September 2015 decided to implement safe and Animal friendly Environment, Kerala Project (SAFE KERALA PROJECT).As per the decision the most important step towards controlling the dog menace is to implement the Licensing rule strictly. Separate orders are being issued for this.

The Animal Husbandry Department is planning to have a massive vaccination and sterilization programme with the active participation of Local Government Institutions. All dogs including pet dogs shall be vaccinated, sterilized and marked (with a notch on the ear lobe). The willing owners, may get their pets sterilized. There will be vaccination and certification for dogs reared by breeders as well. The Animal Husbandry Department upgraded 50 Poly Clinics at Taluk Head Quarters level for the purpose of conducting sterilizations. They will upgrade the balance 25 Taluk level Polyclinics also. In Blocks where Polyclinics are not located, Animal Husbandry Department will upgrade the block head quarters level Veterinary Hospitals /Clinics so that all blocks will have facilities. The Panchayath level Veterinary Clinics also will undertake sterilization where ever feasible.

In view of the above decision, Government are pleased to order that the Animal Husbandry Department will take care of the technical aspects and the Local Government will take care of the Logistic part of the programme. The Local Self Governments should make arrangements for capturing the stray dogs; transporting them to the block level centre for intervention and transferring them after the intervention to the location from which the dogs were captured. The Local Governments have to incur an expenditure of about Rs 250/- per dog. An incentive of Rs.250/- per dogs sterilized may also be given in regards to pet dogs on production of certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon by the owner. The Local Governments should take steps to invite Quotations for engaging dog catchers, with Rs. 250/- per dog as the upper limit. The public awareness creation and public participation also are to be ensured by the Local Governments

Government also order as the follows;

- (1) Local Governments (Grama Panchayath and Urban bodies) are allowed to prepare projects for the control of Dog menace using plan funds as envisioned above and implement it pending approval by DPC for the variation.
- (2) District Panchayaths are allowed to continue the Schemes being under taken in convergence with the Scheme.
- (3) Local Governments are allowed to call Quotations for the purpose of capturing, transporting and re transporting stray dogs on 22nd September giving time up to 29th and finalize it on 29th itself.
- (4) The Local Governments are directed to start Campaign on 1st October 2015.
- (5) The District Collectors may review the progress of the campaign periodically and apprise the Government on the progress.

(By order of the Governor)

JAMES VARGHESE,
Principal Secretary.

- The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Director of Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Director of Animal Husbandary Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam.
- The Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- All Secretaries of Local Governments Institutions (Through the DUA and DP)
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