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Finance Department - Legislative Assembly Constituency Asset Development Fund - constituted - Guidelines - Orders issued.

FINANCE (NODAL CENTRE) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

In the Budget Speech 2012-13, the Minister (Finance) announced the launching of a new scheme namely 'Legislative Assembly Constituency Asset Development Fund'. The scheme aims at providing sufficient fund for the infrastructure development in each Legislative Assembly Constituency. Major thrust would be given to Education, Health, water supply and Sanitation, Infrastructure facilities, including roads and bridges, Agriculture, Animal husbandry and related areas.

- 2. Government are accordingly pleased to constitute the Legislative Assembly Constituency Asset Development Fund with the following features:
 - (i) The corpus of the fund will be ₹705 crore for each year.
 - (ii) An amount of ₹ 5 crore will be allocated to each MLA, for taking up the Development works of major capital nature, each work costing not less than ₹1 crore (one crore)
 - (iii) Administrative Sanction for the works shall be issued by the respective Departments following regular procedures.
 - (iv) The expenditure in this regard will be debited to relevant functional head of account of the implementing departments which will be supplemented with additional provisions as may be required from time to time depending on the progress of work, through suitable distribution of funds from the lump provision made under the head of account 5054-80-800-67 priority capital projects identified by MLAs (Non Plan-Voted)
 - 3. Government are pleased to order that the scheme will be implemented in the State as per the guidelines appended herewith.

By Order of the Governor,

V.P. JOY, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FINANCE).

To

All Members of Legislative Assembly.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

All Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government.

All Heads of Departments.

All District Collectors.

The Director of Treasuries.

The Director of Public Relations.

All District Treasury Officers.

The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister.

The Private Secretary to the Speaker.

The PS to the Deputy Speaker.

The Private Secretaries to the Ministers.

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Accounts Officer

GUIDELINES ON THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY ASSET DEVELOPMENT FUND (LAC- ADF) FOR MLAs.

Guidelines on scheme, concept, implementation and monitoring.

As announced by the Minister of Finance in the Budget Speech for 2012-13, a Legislative Assembly Constituency Asset Development Fund for MLAs will be set up; hereinafter called LAC- ADF. The scheme aims at creating durable assets for which each MLA will be allocated ₹5 crore during a particular financial year for undertaking capital works in his/her constituency so as to improve infrastructural facilities in all the Assembly Constituencies. Major works of the choice of the MLA concerned will be taken up subject to the condition that the cost of works proposed during a year shall not exceed ₹5 crore.

Definitions:

Asset means fixed assets for long term uses like buildings, roads, bridges, water supply, sanitation, irrigation, infrastructure, machinery and equipments and fixtures of permanent nature that forms part of infra-structure facilities of Government essential for imparting effective service to the citizens.

Commencement of the scheme:

The scheme will be in force from 2012-13 onwards.

Objective of the Scheme:

The LAC-ADF Scheme aims at the upliftment of infrastructure facilities under various Legislative Assembly Constituencies by creating durable physical infrastructure of capital nature.

General Conditions:

- 1. Each MLA will be allocated with ₹5 crore each year for taking up a maximum of 5 major capital works. The cost of each project suggested by MLAs should not be below ₹1 crore. Maximum amount that can be suggested for a particular work in a financial year is ₹5 crore.
- 2. Nominated members of the State Legislative Assembly may select works for implementation in one or more constituencies anywhere in the State.
- 3. The Proposal for the work shall reach the Finance Department duly recommended by the Administrative Department with detailed estimates for the works. Estimates shall be based on the latest Schedule of Rates
- 4. Finance Department, after examining the proposals will issue financial concurrence for the work. Thereafter Administrative Sanction and Technical Sanction for the works will be issued by the designated authorities of the Administrative Departments as in the case of regular works. Departments/Agencies are not eligible for any supervision, centage charges and administrative charges etc.
- 5. The Implementing Department concerned shall monitor the progress of the work and submit the proposal to Finance Department for releasing fund.
- 6. The works under the scheme will be implemented following established procedures/rules laid down by the State Government from time to time.
- 7. The fund should not be used for partly meeting the cost of other projects/schemes and should not amalgamate with other funds.
- 8. The ownership of the assets created with LAC Asset Development Fund would vest with State Government. The maintenance and upkeep of assets so created will have to be ensured by concerned department and will be subject to periodical audit and inspection by Finance Department.
- 9. In the event of change of MLA for whatever reason, the allocation, implementation, continuation of work will be governed in the same manner in which guidelines are framed for MLA Special Development Fund.

Release of fund:

Finance (Nodal Centre) Department is designated as the nodal section to deal with the release and monitoring of the fund.

The fund shall be released to the implementing Agency/Departments on the basis of the requirement, on requisition by implementing departments / Agencies depending on the progress of the work. The procedure being adopted for payments for regular works will be applicable *mutatis mutandis* for payments in respect of these works also.

Monitoring Arrangements:

Finance (Nodal Centre) Department is the nodal agency for the implementation of LAC Asset Development Fund in the State. All the Heads of Department should arrange to visit and inspect project sites, at least selected sites, once in six months by responsible officers and quarterly review meetings should be convened by the Heads of Department for ensuring that the work is progressing satisfactorily and as per the prescribed specifications.

A proforma for submitting monitoring report will be sent to the officers concerned separately. Finance (Nodal Centre) Department will conduct surprise check on certain specific sites as and when required. Quarterly inspection of projects may be conducted by Finance (Nodal Centre) Department. Third party monitoring of the works undertaken shall be arranged by the Finance Department.