



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Home Department - Kerala Fire & Rescue Services - Revival of Home Guards in the State of Kerala - Administrative Sanction - accorded - Orders issued.

HOME (F) DEPARTMENT

GO (Ms) No.179/2009/Home.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-11-2009.

Read: - (1) Kerala Home Guards Act, 1960

(2) G.O (Ms) No.542/Home, dated 23-08-1960.

(3) G.O (Ms) No.179/2009/Home, dated 12-11-2009

(4) Letters of No.D2-5522/09, dated 15-07-2009, 24-09-2009, 29-10-2009 and 16-11-2009 from the Commandant General, Kerala Fire & Rescue Services Thiruvananthapuram

(5) Letter No.S1/34903/2006 dated 04-06-2009 from the Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

(1) In the circumstances reported by the Commandant General, Kerala Fire & Rescue Services and Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram in their letters read as 4th and 5th papers above respectively, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to revive Home Guards in the State of Kerala as per Kerala Home Guards Act, 1960, as per Home Guards Rules 1960 and as amended vide G.O.(Ms)No.179/2009/Home, dated 12-11-2009

(2) It is decided to implement the scheme as narrated below and as per Kerala Home Guards Amendment Rules, 2009.

The Home Guards can be used for the following duties:-

- (i). Fire Fighting and Rescue Operations.
- (ii). Traffic Control and Regulations.
- (iii). Festival Bundobust.
- (iv). Functions Bundobust.
- (v). National Calamities - Civil Defence Operations.
- (vi). Special Police Constables at the time of Election.
- (vii). Static Protection duties.
- (viii). Patrol Assistance.
- (ix). Community Policing.

STRUCTURE OF HOME GUARDS.

(3) A maximum strength of 3000 Home Guards have to be selected from those retired from Military, Navy, Airforce, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, National Security Guard, Sashtra Seema Bell, Assam Rifles, Indo - Tibetan Border Force, Police, Fire Force, Excise and Forest etc, after proper Police verification of character and antecedents. They will function under Commandant General Home Guards, Civil Defence and Fire Services and his Subordinate Officers.

(4) Each Home Guard will be given a rank, based on his / her educational and professional qualifications as specified by Government. A stipend of Rs.250/- per day will be paid to the Home Guard on days for duty. They will not be eligible for any other allowance including TA, DA. They will be given uniforms as prescribed under Rules.

(5) Each Home Guard normally gets called out for service about 180 days in a calendar year (not continuous).

SELECTION PROCEDURE

(6) The Assistant Divisional Officer of the Fire & Rescue Services Department in each District will be the co-ordinator. On duty they will be attached to the Fire and Rescue Stations, Police Stations concerned. A Committee consisting of Assistant Divisional Officer, Superintendent of Police and District Sainik Welfare Officer concerned will select the Home Guards in each District. Physical efficiency test should be conducted for the selection of the Home Guards. The eligibility prescribed is that one should qualify 100 metres run in 18 seconds or 3 km walk in 30 minutes. The youngest should be given priority. The candidates should be medically fit and produce a fitness certificate from a Medical Officer not below the rank of Assistant Surgeon. The Assistant Divisional Officer will maintain a Nominal Roll of each appointed candidate affixing their latest photograph and their contact phone numbers. Assignment of duties to Home Guards personnel shall be done on rotational basis.

(7) A Committee consisting of the following members will be constituted for redressing the grievances occurring in their recruitment:-

- (i) The Commandant General, Kerala Fire and Rescue Services, (Chairman)
- (ii) The Director (Technical), Kerala Fire and Rescue Services,
- (iii) The Director, Sainik Welfare Department.

(8) Selected Home Guards Personnel will have to undergo training for a period of one week at Kerala Police Academy, Viyyur / Kerala Fire & Rescue Services Academy, Viyyur.

PAYMENT

(9) Funds will be allotted by Government in the concerned Heads of Fire & Rescue Services for meeting the expenses of Home Guards Organisation and this amount will be operated by the Assistant Divisional Officer of the concerned district. They will make payments and meet the expenses for their maintenance from this fund. The Assistant Divisional Officer will maintain Pay Roll and Registers furnishing the up - to - date details of expenditure towards this, promptly.

(10) The maximum number of Home Guards personnel will be limited to 3000 (Three thousand) only and the expenditure for the financial year shall be limited to the Budget provision.

(By Order of the Governor),

K.JAYAKUMAR
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
(Home & Vigilance)

To

The Commandant General, Kerala Fire & Rescue Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram

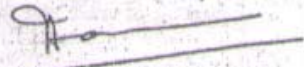
The Accountant General, (Audit / A & E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department).

The Finance Department (vide UO Note No.79969/Exp.A3/09/Fin, dated, 20-11-2009)

The General Administration (SC) Department.

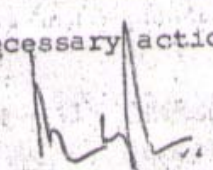
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Section Officer.

ENDT No.D2-5522/2009, DATED : 30.11.2009

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For, COMMANDANT GENERAL.