

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAND USE COMMISSIONER, KERALA
STATE LAND USE BOARD, VIKAS BHAVAN,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

Sub: - KSLUB-Establishment – Right to Information Act-2005 Public Information Officer & Assistant Public Information Officer – Appointment Orders issued-reg -

ORDER No.E-1771/2005/LUB, dated, 02-2006.

Read: - 1. GO (P) No.367/2005/GAD. Dated, 10-10-2005.
2. GO (Rt) No.7939/2005/GAD. Dated, 17-10-2005.

ORDER

Vide references 1st and 2nd cited Government have issued orders to forward the department wise list of Information Officers of Right to Information Act-2005.

Therefore sanction is accorded for the appointment of the following officers of Kerala State Land Use Board as Information Officers for the implementation of Right to Information Act-2005.

- 1. Smt. Lathakumari. C.S., Deputy Director (Statistics) – Information Officer**
- 2. Smt. Elizabeth Sindhu John, Senior Superintendent – Asst. Information Officer**

Land Use Commissioner

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1. Smt. Lathakumari. C.S.,
Deputy Director (Statistics)
2. Smt. Elizabeth Sindhu John,
Senior Superintendent

The Kerala State Land Use Board which has been set up in 1975 is actively involved in conducting of micro level data in the existing land use, land resources, land degradation under taking inventories and studies on natural resources, agro-ecological zonations etc. The board is actively involved in creating awareness among the public on the need for judicious use of land and natural resources and also on rain water harvesting. The board is also engaged in rendering consultancy services for various organizations in the matter of land use and spatial planning. The main functions of the Board are.

1. Collect and collate data on land resources and land use.
2. Under take survey on current land resources.
3. Initiate studies on appropriate policy frame work to help the Government to arrive at correct decisions on land use.
4. To administer and Co-ordinate the implementation of the decision of the Government related to land use without displacing agencies.

Powers

The Commissioner of Land Use Board will have statutory power to take final decisions on any type of land use change proposed to be carried out any where in the state. All environmental clearance for projects must be approved by the Commissioner of Land Use Board and in matters relating to land resources his decision will be treated as final.

Functions of the Board

The main functions of the Board are be the following.

1. To assess the Land Resources (which include Soil, Water and Vegetation) of the state and issue guidelines to and co-ordinate the activities of the Departments connected with the appropriate use of land resources.
2. To take an over-view of all schemes and assign inter-se priorities requiring land use changes or diversion of arable lands from the point of view of eco-preservation interaction between land and water cycles, land productivity, total bio-mass production and social priorities in particular.
3. To take effective measure to protect good agricultural land against depletion on account of Soil erosion, Water logging, Loss of fertility Urbanization, Industrialization etc.
4. To take measures for the reclamation of alkaline saline, acidic soils and any problem soil through appropriate agencies of the Government.
5. To take measures to increase the land and water efficiency by adopting suitable cropping patterns and to increase the intensity of cropping / irrigation.

6. To collect, compile and make available statistical and other data/map etc on land use and the status of natural resources for Government, user agencies and public.
7. To prepare guidelines for the conservation, management and the use of natural resources taking into account the needs of population and available resources capabilities.
8. To lay down specifications for sound execution of the programme of land use.
9. To review existing land uses in the state and explore the possibilities of getting land for use according to their capability and suitability and issue necessary guidelines an appropriate use of land within the State.
10. To review existing land uses in the State and explore possibilities of taking steps to put lands to use according to their capabilities. This would inter-alias include programmes such as social forestry (Plantation of fuel and fodder trees), Development of pastures etc in areas not fit for agricultural production.
11. To deal with matters relating to promulgation and effective enforcement of land use statutes.
12. To examine and accord environment clearance to proposals for any type of change or otherwise in the existing land use and involving considerations of land resources (Soil, Water, Plant and animal including human beings).
13. To prepare or provide support in preparing perspective plans, studies, investigations, Land Use Policy etc for conservation development and management of state's natural resources.
14. To prepare perspective plan for 25 years for conservation management and development at and development at optimum level of land resources of the State taking into account appropriate land use and soil capability and suitability so that this may be a rational frame work for yearly and 5 yearly plans for land resources.
15. To work as a co-ordinating and monitoring agency in respect of the programmes relating to the use of land within the State.
16. To provide support for preparation of manuals and tools for increasing application of scientific data and planning, designing, implementation and monitoring of programmes.
17. To continuously review the implementation of the schemes or programmes namely Soil Survey, Soil and Water Conservation, Development of Wasteland

and the like, implemented by the Government departments and other agencies which effect land resources.

18. To identify problems and bottle necks in converting waste lands, fallow lands etc for the purpose for which they are best suited.
19. To initiate action to create awareness regarding programmes under Command Area Development projects, Catchments Area Development Projects and Dry land Farming Techniques and to monitor the implementation of such programmes.
20. To provide a forum for updating the professional, managerial and decision making capabilities of officials, Non-Officials and land users.
21. To take steps to impart education and training, conduct seminars, workshops and adopt other means of improving the use of land and other resources for the development in a sustainable manner and create an informed public opinion in the matter.
22. To generate training materials and promote training programmes for workers at various levels for optimal development/utilization of waste lands.
23. To take suitable steps to prevent the use of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose.
24. To review agricultural laws in general with particular reference to the problems relating to consolidation of holdings and the forest laws with particular reference to problems relating to protection and conservation of forest wealth. Developmental aspects of forest resources etc.
25. To sponsor development of appropriate technology and management practices for wasteland development.
26. To collaborate with the Central and State Government departments, agencies, local bodies and voluntary agencies with a view to mobilizing manpower, funds and other inputs required for wastelands development programmes.
27. To take steps to implement the decision of National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council, National Land Use and Conservation Board, National Wastelands Development Board and the State Government from time to time.
28. To take measures for creating greater awareness about the importance and problems of proper land and soil management with a view to evolve measures ensuring minimum diversion of area of land to non-arable uses.

29. To create general awareness in favour of restoration and development of degraded / wastelands specially through education system.
30. To sponsor studies, organize regional and national debates / deliberations / seminars / workshop through various agencies in collaboration with State Land Use Boards of other States, Universities, Research Institutes etc.
31. To promote follow up action on Land Use Policy. To ensure increased use improved rain fed farming technology including moisture conservation and waster harvesting technology.
32. To generate an informed public opinion in order to obtain their co-operation with regard to matters concerning better land and soil management.
33. To mobilizing people for implementation of land and water use projects.
34. To encourage raising of vegetation grass, shrub and trees as part of farming system and on farm land and home stead to ensure higher productivity of land and environment.
35. To promote initiative for adoption of live stock management on Scientific lines and as integral to farming and rural living through more effective management of Country's grazing resources and development of fodder.
36. To impart necessary guidance and learned opinion when approached by local bodies. Local bodies will also be involved in the preparation of a policy enforcement of any land utilization law should be a local function with the technical support of the Land Use Board and other technical departments.
37. Principles of world soil charter for maintaining optimum soil health, production measures to prevent soil degradation, scientific land use planning shall also come within the purview of the Board of Kerala State Land Use Board.

Operational Strategy

The Board is consistently monitoring the status of the land resources in different areas of the state with a view to arrest their degradation and also the implementation of conservation programmes by various agencies. The Board is maintaining a constant liaison with all departments associated with land resources in one way or the other directly or indirectly. Actual implementation of the programmes within the guidelines of Land Use policy and Resource based perspective plan is attached by the respective Government Departments, panchayath and agencies.

The nucleus cell for the Remote Sensing activities was functioning Since 1984 within the State Land Use Board. It has been upgraded to Kerala State Remote Sensing & Environment Centre (A Government autonomous body). It is functioning as an agency of Kerala State Land Use Board to implement projects received by the Board from all Department of Space and other Central or State Government Departments or other agencies. The Commissioner of Land Use Board is the Director of Kerala State Remote Sensing & Environment Centre also. The facilities of both the organizations viz, manpower and infrastructure will be utilized if and when required to achieve the objectives. This arrangement is made to maintain highest efficiency and economy in the expenditure ensure availability and interpretation of data base viz, Satellite images, Aerial Photographs, Survey of India toposheets etc.

Categories of documents held by this department

1. Land Resources of Kerala State
2. Project reports and maps of Agro Ecological zones of Districts, Kollam, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram, Palakkad, Malappuram and Thrissur district.
3. Farm Club News letter.
4. Report of sample survey on soil erosion in Kunnathur, Pathanapuram & Pathanamthitta Taluks.
5. Statistics for Land Use Planning
6. Assessment of wastelands in selected all districts of Kerala
7. Kerala State Resource Based Perspective Plan 2020 AD
8. Land Use Plan & Survey of Idukki District
9. National Land Use Policy and outliners & Action points
10. Vibhava Bhupada Nirmana report
11. Watershed atlas of Kerala
12. Coastal – Eco System an overview Kerala State
13. Land Degradation (land slides) in Kerala 1996.
14. Integrated study for sustainable development of Payaswani watershed, Kasargode district, Thirikkulam watershed, Malappuram district. Attappady block in Palakkad district.

15. Land Use Atlas of Idukky.
16. Perspective land use plan for important perennial crops in Kerala.

Land Use Commissioner