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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Planning & Economic Affairs Department - Kerala State Innovation Council restructured as Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala (DISC) - Dr. K.M. Abraham, IAS (KI 1982) appointed as Chairman, Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala (DISC) - Orders issued.

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (A) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(P)No.**

**26/2017/P&EA** Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/12/2017

Read: 1 G.O.(RT) No.272/2013/Plg. Dated, 08/07/2013

2 G.O (Rt) 728/2017/Plg dated 07/12/17.

**ORDER**

As per the GO read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, Government had constituted State Innovation Council to complement and supplement the activities of the National Innovation Council. As per the GO read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department was given full additional charge of the post of Chairman, Kerala State Innovation Council till posting of a regular incumbent.

Now Government are pleased to restructure the existing Kerala State Innovation Council as Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala (DISC). Government are pleased to appoint Dr. K.M. Abraham, IAS, (KI-1982) Chief Secretary to Government of Kerala on his superannuation on 31-12-2017, as Chairman of Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala (DISC) with effect from 01-01-2018 in the rank and status of Chief Secretary. He will also be ex-officio Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs (Development and Innovation) Department.

The reconstituted council (DISC) has the following persons as Governors on its Board.

1. Dr.Pulickel Ajayan (Professor in Engineering Rice University)
2. Sri.S.D.Shibulal (Co-Founder, Infosys and Axilor Ventures)
3. Sri.Shyam Srinivasan (Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Federal Bank)
4. Dr.K.M.Abraham (Eminent Scientist)
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A note containing objectives and organisation of Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala is annexed to this G.O.

Orders regarding other terms and conditions of the appointment of Chairman (DISC) will be issued separately.

The Government Orders read above stand modified to the above extent.

By order of the Governor  
**DR.SHARMILA MARY JOSEPH IAS**  
**SECRETARY**

To:-

Dr. K. M.Abraham. I.A.S., Chief Secretary to Govt.  
Dr. Pulickel Ajayan (Professor in Engineering Rice University)  
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Dr.V.K.Ramachandran (Vice Chairman, State Planning Board)  
Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Dept.  
Member Secretary, State Planning Board  
Accountant General (A&E /Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
CEO, NITI AAYOG, New Delhi (with covering letter).  
Chief Coordinator, State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram.  
General Administration (Political -A) & Special (A) Dept.  
Finance Department.  
General Administration (SC) Dept. (vide item No. 1789 dated 26.12.2017)  
District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

Forwarded/By order



Section officer

Copy to:-

AS to Chief Secretary.

CA to Secretary, Planning and Economic Affairs Department

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Annexure

The existing Kerala State Innovation Council has been restructured as the **Development and Innovation Strategic Council of Kerala (DISC)**.

OBJECTIVES of DISC

DISC is a strategic think tank that advises Government on strategic directions in various spheres. Such strategic papers shall reflect the new directions in technology adaptation, innovation and progress

It is not intended to supplant the existing functions assigned to the State Planning Board, but shall work complementary to the same. The intended functions of the Council are outlined below:

**1. DEVELOPMENT.**

a. In the sphere of development, DISC will seek to identify the best practices across the globe in the area of development in the following areas viz:

- i. Infrastructure
- ii. Human Resource and Skill Development
- iii. Industry and Commerce
- iv. Governance
- v. Public Finance

2. DISC will prepare strategy papers either in broad sectors or in focused interventions in the areas listed above. These papers will also include road map and necessary guidance with plans of action for implementation.

3. These strategy papers will be submitted to the State Planning Board and concerned Department for examination and approval wherever such proposals need provision of budget amount. The State Planning Board will examine such proposals on priority basis and submit their views to Government.

4. Where a strategy paper does not involve any provision of funds or allocation of funds, the Chairman DISC shall submit it to the Chief Minister with a copy of the same to the Minister(s) in charge of the area that the paper relates to.

5. DISC will also provide handholding support wherever

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3. These strategy papers will be submitted to the State

necessary for initiating and nurturing these strategies within the relevant Government Departments.

## **2. INNOVATION**

1. DISC will assume the following responsibilities in the sphere of Innovation.

1. Support Government to promote innovation in the State.

2. Encourage young talent and local Universities, Colleges, Medium and Small Scale Industries, R&D Institutes

3. Map opportunities for Innovation in the State

4. Identify and reward talent in innovation and disseminate successful innovation examples for adoption.

5. Help create innovation eco-systems

6. Administer the Innovation Challenge Fund

7. Advise Departments and Government institutions in utilising funds allocated for innovation and R&D and help mobilise additional resources both human and financial for them.

8. Promote research and development activities to support innovation in in the form of partnership research programmes with Academic and R&D Institutions and National and International Bodies.

9. Prepare a ten year Innovation Roadmap

10. Organise risk capital for financing innovation ventures in Government, Academic and R&D Institutions and Startups.

11. Collaborate with national and international academic and R&D organisations, companies promoting/practicing adaptable innovation practices

12. Organise seminars, lectures, workshops to promote and further innovation.

13. Create necessary IT support systems and web-based portals for promoting the development of an innovation ecosystem in the State.

## ORGANISATION

1. DISC will have a three layer organisation consisting of
  1. The Board of Governors
  2. Advisory Council
  3. Strategy Consultants

### 2. THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. There shall be not more than nine Governors on the Board.
2. The Vice Chairman, State Planning Board shall be a Governor on the Board.
3. There shall be not more than seven nominated Governors. These shall be persons of national/international eminence nominated by Government.

1. In identifying persons of national/international eminence the following yardsticks, though not exclusive may be used:

1. National/International Award Winner for eminence in the field of science, engineering, technology, medicine, education, finance or business.
2. Head of any premier Academic or R&D Institution at the National/International level.
3. CEO/COO/CTO/CIO/CFO of a company which has been one of the NIFTY group of companies at least once in the past five years OR an International Company with significant global presence.
4. Have made outstanding and documented contributions to development or innovation at the national or international level.

4. The tenure of the nominated Governors shall be for a period of one year, subject to renomination for additional terms by Government.

5. The Board of Governors shall have a Chairman who shall be in the rank and status of a Chief Secretary to Government.
6. The Chairman shall be nominated by Government and shall be:
  1. a person of eminence well versed in administration and who should have served as the Secretary to the Government of India or an equivalent post in the State Government

**OR**

2. a distinguished scientist, engineer or technocrat with not less than 20 years of experience heading an academic, administrative or R&D institution at the national/international level.
6. The term of the Chairman shall be for a period of three years from the date of his appointment.
7. Where any member in the Board of Governors has to attend any meeting or participate in any visits, DISC shall pay such travel, lodging and local transportation as is admissible to a Secretary of the Government of India and also to a sitting fee of Rs.10,000 per day.
8. The Board of Governors may meet in a place designated by the Chairman or through video-conferencing where any Governor in the Board is unable to join the meetings.
9. The Board shall meet at least once in a quarter.
10. The quorum for a meeting shall be four.
11. Decision making shall be by majority vote.

**2. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

1. The following shall be ex-officio members of the Advisory Council:
  1. Chief Secretary
  2. Secretary - Planning & Economic Affairs
  3. Secretary - Industry
  4. Secretary - Science and Technology
  5. Secretary - Information Technology
  6. Secretary - Higher Education

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The undersigned

2. Government may nominate as many experts, recognised in a relevant field, as it deems fit to the Council on a voluntary basis. The members so chosen shall be persons recognised nationally or internationally for their excellence in their chosen field/profession.
3. In addition, any two Governors on the Board can also nominate an expert on voluntary basis to the Advisory Council.
4. The members of the Advisory Council hold office on voluntary basis.
5. The Chairman may seek the advice of a member of the Advisory Council and request such help from a member of the Advisory Council to formulate a strategy in his or her area of expertise.
6. The Chairman may request the services of a member of the Advisory Council to participate in or conduct any Workshop or Seminar.
7. Where any member of the Advisory Council has to attend any meeting or participate in any visit, DISC shall pay such travel, lodging and local transportation as is admissible to a Secretary of the Government of India and also sitting fee of Rs.10,000 per day.

### **3. STRATEGY CONSULTANTS**

1. The Chairman may hire Consultants to assist in the design or implementation of any strategy paper approved by the Board of Governors.
2. These Strategy Consultants shall be positioned in any department to assist the department in the implementation of any strategy on development innovation duly recommended by the Board and approved by Government as laid down above.

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. The Chairman shall exercise all the powers laid down in G.O. (Ms.) No.418/13/Fin dated 3.9.2013.
2. The Chairman may exercise powers envisaged in the above G.O to engage a consultant on the basis of a personal interview or on the basis of his or her qualifications for a period of six months. Extension of such assignment beyond six months will require the approval of the Board of Governors.
3. The assets and staff of the Kerala State Innovation

Council will be transferred to DISC with effect from 1.1.2018.

4. Expenditure for DISC shall be met from the Head of Account 3451-00-092-92 - Kerala State Innovation Council.
5. DISC shall also continue to administer the INNOVATION CHALLENGE FUND (Head of Account 3451-00-092-91).

CHALLENGE FUND