

Social Welfare Department - Renaming of the Social Welfare Department as Social Justice Department - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

SOCIALWELFARE (C) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Ms) No. 64/2012/SWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31.10.2012.

## ORDER

The Social Welfare Department was formed in 1975 for the implementation of social security/welfare programmes and services in Kerala. The Department initiates and implements various security measures, welfare programmes and services for women in need and distress, differently abled and mentally challenged persons, the poor and children, destitutes/orphans and neglected street children and provides social security for the aged and the destitutes through a network of organizations, residential institutions and through non-institutional schemes.

- 2. The Social Welfare Department also ensures proper implementation of important welfare legislations such as Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act 2000, The Dowry Prohibition Act, The Probation of Offenders Act, the Domestic Violence Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act. Implementation of these legislations has given a new dimension to the Department in the area of Social Justice. Further more the name of the relevant Central Ministries are 'Social Justice & Empowerment' and 'Women and Child Development.'
- 3. In the circumstances, Government consider that it will be more appropriate to rename the Department to more completely reflect its expanded role and the redefined objectives.
- 4. Government, therefore, order that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in Government is renamed as "Social Justice Department (SJD)" and the Directorate of Social Welfare (DSW), as "Directorate of Social Justice (DSJ)". Accordingly the Director of Social Welfare and Additional Director/Joint Director / Assistant Director of Social Welfare shall hereafter be known and

referred to as Director of Social Justice/Additional Director/Joint Director/Assistant Director of Social Justice respectively.

By order of the Governor, Dr. K.M. ABRAHAM Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Social Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

The Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India New Delhi (with C/L).

The Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, New Delhi. (with C/L).

The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi (with C/L)

General Administration (SS) Department.

General Administration (SC) Department (vide item No.2372

Dated 17-10-2012).

All Institutions under Social Welfare Department.

Information & Public Relation Department (for publicity and for uploading in the website)

All Departments (Sections) (including Law and Finance) in the Secretariat. Stock File/Office Copy.

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Section Officer

Copy to: P.S. to Chief Minister

P.S to Minister (Panchayath and Social Welfare Department)

P.A. to Principal Secretary I, Social Welfare Department.

P.A. to Principal Secretary II, Social Welfare Department.

C.A.to Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department.

Under Secretary I,II,III, Social Welfare Department.

Social Welfare (A/B/D) Department.