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സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് കുടിവെള്ള വിതരണം സിയാൽ മാതൃകയിൽ സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഇതുവരെ കൈക്കൊണ്ട നടപടികൾ എന്തൊക്കെയാണെന്നു വിശദമാക്കുമോ ?

സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് കുടിവെള്ള വിതരണം സിയാൽ മാതൃകയിൽ സ്വകാര്യവൽക്കരിക്കുന്നതിന് ഇതുവരെ യാതൊരു നടപടിയും കൈക്കൊണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. അതേസമയം സിയാൽ മാതൃകയിൽ 'പാക്കേജ്ഡ് ഡ്രിങ്കിംഗ് വാട്ടർ' തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതിനും അത്യാവശ്യ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന പക്ഷം ടാങ്കർ ലോറികളിൽ കുടിവെള്ളം എത്തിക്കുന്നതിനുമായി 'കേരള ഡ്രിങ്കിംഗ് വാട്ടർ സപ്ലൈ കമ്പനി ലിമിറ്റഡ്' എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു കമ്പനി രൂപീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഒരുത്തരവ് 15.04.2013-ലെ സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവ് (എം.എസ്) നമ്പർ 31/2013/ജവിവ പ്രകാരം പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇക്കാര്യത്തിന്മേൽ തുടർ നടപടികൾ ആയിട്ടില്ല.



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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Water Resources Department - Formation of Kerala Drinking Water Supply Company Ltd - Sanction accorded - Revised orders issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (WATER SUPPLY - C) DEPARTMENT

G.O (MS) No. 31/2013/WRD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15.04.2013

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Read : - G.O (MS) No.103/2012/WRD, Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31.12.12

ORDER

In the Government order read above, Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the establishment of a limited company on CIAL model for functioning as a single nodal agency for constructing, developing, maintaining and operating community based drinking water supply plants across the State of Kerala. Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority was also directed to prepare Memorandum of Association and Article of Association of the company.

Apprehensions have been raised about the objects and the shareholding pattern of the proposed company. Doubts have also been raised whether the role of the Kerala Water Authority (KWA) will be minimized and the new company would take over the functions of the Kerala Water Authority. There have been allegations that the Government of Kerala is attempting to privatise the Drinking Water Supply system in the state.

Government have examined the matters in detail and are pleased to revise the Government order read above in supersession of the orders issued therein as below.

The Government of Kerala would like to reiterate that the role of the KWA in the supply of drinking water will not be minimized; rather enhanced to ensure that the piped water supply reaches every household in the state by 2021 and 75% of the households by 2018. Allocations to Kerala Water Authority has been enhanced for this purpose and will be further increased over the next five years. Government of Kerala has no intentions of privatizing drinking water supply system in the state.

A recent trend noticed, mainly in the urban areas, is that substantial proportion of the population are resorting to large scale usage of packaged drinking water which is dominated by private sector players; some of whom charge exorbitant prices for their products, which is not commensurate with the cost of production. In certain instances, quality of water has also been compromised.

Similarly there has been an increased dependence on water supply through water tankers and at times the situation is exploited by a set of unscrupulous people who supply water of suspicious quality and that too at high prices.

In view of the above facts, the Government is convinced of the need for a company named 'Kerala Drinking Water Supply Company Ltd' on CIAL model

in which the Government shall hold 26% of the equity, Kerala Water Authority shall hold 23% and balance of equity of the company may be from local bodies, beneficiary groups, residence associations, firms, individuals etc. To safeguard the interest of Kerala Water Authority and to ensure that there is no conflict of interest, the Managing Director and at least one Senior Engineer appointed by Kerala Water Authority Board shall be the members of the Director Board of the new company.

The Board of Directors shall consist of :

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| 1. Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) | - | Chairman |
| 2. Principal Secretary (Water Resources Dept) | - | Member |
| 3. Secretary (Finance Dept) | - | Member |
| 4. Secretary(Local Self Government Dept) | - | Member |
| 5. Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority | - | Member |
| 6. Chief Executive of the Company | - | Member |
| | | (Managing Director) |
| 7. Senior Engineer, Kerala Water Authority | - | Member |
| 8. Two persons representing other share holders | - | Member |

The proposed company will cater to the demand of the public, housing colonies, commercial establishments, industries, etc, for supply of quality drinking water through water tankers. The company will also produce and supply packaged drinking water at reasonable price.

The company shall draw raw water from sources like abandoned quarries, ponds, brackish water sources etc. after obtaining necessary approvals from competent agencies with due regard for the quality of water. Under no circumstances the company shall draw water from sources which are used by Kerala Water Authority for their Water supply schemes.

Under the above circumstances, Government are pleased to accord sanction for establishment of a Company on CIAL model for performing the functions as detailed above.

The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority will prepare the Memorandum of Association and Article of Association of the Company and submit it to Government within a fortnight.

By Order of the Governor

V.J.KURIAN


ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Registrar, Hon'ble High Court (with C/L)
 The Information and Public Relations (Web and New Media) Department
 (for uploading in the Web site)
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Forwarded/By Order


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