GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Financial control - Rules and procedures - observance of- constitution of an Inspection Wing in the Finance Department - further orders - issued.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Government view with grave concern the general laxity in financial control shown by departmental offices particularly in the matter of recovery of loan, reconciliation of accounts, collection of revenue, clearance of audit objections and inspection reports maintenance of stock accounts and verification of stores. Time and again, these subjects have come up for adverse comments by the Public Accounts Committee. Instructions issued from time to time for greater vigilance on the part of the departmental officers have not improved matters. Government therefore feel that, apart from mere issue of instructions, some effective method should be devised to see that financial rules and procedures are scrupulously followed by the departmental officers.

Accordingly, Government have constituted an Inspection Wing in the Finance Department consisting of one Assistant Secretary, one Superintendent, and 4 Assistants. The Inspection Party will conduct surprise inspection of Government offices and report to Government cases of irregularity, slackness or indifference shown by Heads of Departments or Offices in the matter of financial control. They are empowered to scrutinise all files and registers relating to accounts, stores and other allied matters. They are also empowered to conduct physical verification of cash and stores wherever deemed necessary. All heads of departments and offices are directed to give the inspection staff necessary co-operation and facilities for the proper discharge of their functions.

The Inspection Party will have with them identity cards and also an authorisation from the Finance Secretary. The Head of office or in his absence, the member of staff next in rank should make available to them such files, registers, and other documents demanded by them and also such facilities as are required for conducting the inspection.

The Inspection Party will submit their reports to the Secretary to Government in the Finance Department who will decide the follow up action to be taken on the reports.

Government wish to impress on all Heads of Departments and offices that Government will not hesitate to take disciplinary action of officers who are reported to be negligent, slack or indifferent in the observance of prescribed rules and procedures in financial matters and theyany laxity in this regard will not be tolerated.

(By Order of the Governor)
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