

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee for Shelter for Urban Homeless Scheme held at 11.00 am, 14.01.2020

Venue : Chamber of the Chairman, State Level Shelter Monitoring Committee, Govt. Secretariat, Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Chair : Shri V. S. Senthil, I.A.S (Rtd), Chairman, State Level Shelter Monitoring Committee

9th meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee for the Shelter for Urban Homeless was held on 14th January 2020. The Committee noted the absence of the Committee members Shri.P.M.Salih and Dr.T. Mitra IAS.The list of Participants is appended.

The Chairman initiated the discussion expressing satisfaction on the action taken on the previous meeting held on 4.12.2019. The Committee discussed the observations of the Joint Visit Report submitted by Shri.Salih.P.M and Shri.Jaison.T.J., State Mission Manager, Kudumbashree to Shelter homes in wayanad and Kozhikode district. The Chair opined that the facilities and quality of services provided in the State Shelter homes are good and suggested to rectify the issues highlighted in the report.

The Chairman explained the structure and functions of the Committee to the Director of Social Justice as she has attended the meeting for the first time. He asked Shri.Jaison, State Mission Manager, Kudumbashree the representative from Kudumbashree to provide her NULM guidelines issued from the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in this regard,copy of the previous minutes convened by the Committee and also the joint visit report conducted to the Shelter homes in Wayanad & Kozhikode.

The Chairman apprised that the role of the Committee is to observe, give recommendations and suggestions to the Government, inorder to see that the interests of Urban homeless are taken care of and they are provided with all facilities.

The Chairman enquired the details regarding the practice adopted by other States for implementation of Shelter projects. Shri.T.J.Jaison State Mission Manager, Kudumbashree presented the best practices adopted in other States. He informed that tapping Corporate Social Responsibility Funds (CSR)

for Shelter homes is one of the best practice followed in other States that can be replicated to improve the quality of service and also for providing operation and maintenance cost to shelters. He further informed that District Level Monitoring Committee has been constituted in some States under the Chairmanship of District Collectors concerned as part of developing effective monitoring systems.

Committee suggested that LSG Department may consider from among the following to avail CSR funds for Shelter homes run by Government agencies.

- 1) Mayor/Municipal Chairman should discuss with companies to avail CSR funding
- 2) LSGD/Social Justice Department can directly address companies for CSR funds
- 3) LSGD can give direction to District Collectors to discuss with companies for CSR funding

Shri.P.B.Sajan, Civil Society Representative stressed the necessity of conducting inspection in streets during night time to descry homeless people there. Director, Social Justice informed that this practice already exists in Ernakulam, Where District Collector/Social Justice Director/District Officers etc conduct inspections during night and take steps to accommodate them in shelter homes.

Committee observed that District Level Monitoring Committee(DLMC) is an efficient system to review the progress of Shelter for Urban Homeless and was of the view that though constitution of DLMC is not mandatory as per NULM guidelines the need for the constitution of DLMC is to be examined.

The Committee entrusted the Director, Directorate of Social Justice to provide awareness to people living in shelter homes regarding useful practices that can be adopted to keep them engaged, using social medias like youtube etc.

The Committee suggested Government may reconstitute the Committee by including Smt.R.Girija IAS, Director of Urban Affairs in the Committee instead of Dr.Mitra T. IAS.

Decisions

- 1) Director, Social Justice is to be provided with guidelines issued from the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs with regard to the operation of the Committee, copy of the minutes of all committees held so far, and the joint visit report conducted to the shelter homes in Wayanad & Kozhikode
(Action : Executive Director, Kudumbashree)
- 2) LSGD to adopt suitable method to avail CSR funds for the shelter homes run by Government agencies.
(Action : Local Self Government Department)
- 3) Scope of constituting District Level Monitoring Committees at district level to be explored.
(Action : Executive Director, Kudumbashree)
- 4) Social Justice Department to examine whether the practice followed in Ernakulam district to identify the Urban Homeless can be extended to other districts also.
(Action : Social Justice Dept.)
- 5) To provide awareness to people living in shelter homes regarding useful practices that can be adopted to keep them engaged using social medias like youtube etc. Vocational training may be arranged in this regard if needed.
(Action : Social Justice Dept.)
- 6) Committee has to be reconstituted by including Smt.R.Girija IAS instead of Dr.Mitra.T. IAS.
(Action : Local Self Government Department)

The meeting concluded at 12.00 pm.

Chairman

State Level Shelter Monitoring Committee

List of Participants

- 1) Smt.Sheeba George IAS., Director of Social Justice
- 2) Sri.Sajan P.B., Architect, Cost Ford
- 3) Shri.Jaison T.J., State Mission Manager NULM – Kudumbashree