



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Constitution of an Expert Commission to inquire and report on the means to revamp and modernize the Kerala Agricultural University-Orders - issued.

AGRICULTURE (FARMS) DEPARTMENT

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Read Note No. CA/190/Prl.Secy/Agri/2023 dated: 25/01/2023 of the Agriculture Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary , Agriculture Department.

ORDER

In exercise of powers vested in Government under section 8(6) of the Kerala Agricultural University Act 1971, finding that special measures of improvement need to be undertaken to maintain the requisite standard of teaching/research in Kerala Agricultural University, the Government are pleased to constitute an Expert Commission to inquire and report on the means to revamp and modernize the Kerala Agricultural University with the following members.

1. Prof.Dr. E. Balagurusamy - Chairperson.
(Formerly Member UPSC, Chairman, Tamilnadu Planning Commission and Vice-Chancellor, Anna University)
2. Prof. Dr. P. Rajendran, - Member
(Formerly Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University.)
3. Prof.P.V Balachandran, - Member
(Formerly Director (Extension) Kerala Agricultural University)
4. Dr. B. Ashok.IAS - Member -
(Formerly Vice Chancellor, Kerala Convenor

Veterinary and Animal Sciences
University) Agricultural Production
Commissioner and Principal Secretary,
Government of Kerala.)

5. Dr.K. Aravindakshan - Special invitee

(Formerly Registrar, Kerala Agricultural
University)

(2)The terms of reference for the commission are stipulated are as:

- i. Review the working of the University from the literature/ reports for the last ten years and indicate strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats reports outlining areas requiring improvement in the practice of research, education and extension.
- ii. Specific reasons requiring redressal of weaknesses to restore the University to a respectable nationally ranked status amongst all Universities and agricultural Universities specifically and to cure shortcomings before the accreditation of regulatory bodies (AICTE, ICAR, & UGC wherever applicable). Additional responsibilities such as consulting/advisory services and innovations to be invested upon to enhance the University's performance to the next level answering the requirement of the State and Region till 2033.
- iii. Enhancement of educational opportunity, academic programmes to be introduced and enhanced keeping in view the huge requirement of skilling and skilled employable manpower.
- iv. Ensuring a robust campus recruitment and skilling/employment continuum.
- v. Outlining areas of applied research to be focused upon.
- vi. Integrating into the digital and offline mode of education where applicable/possible.
- vii. An assessment of the current infrastructure gap.
- viii. An analysis of requisite changes in governance required keeping in view the reports of the Commissions to improve higher education prepared by the Higher Education Department.
- ix. Suggest necessary changes to the regulatory frame work-The Act,

Ordinances, Statutes, Regulations etc.

- x. Attract sufficient Non-Government investment in agricultural higher education in the State as per State Government policy.
- xi. Any other item the Commission finds to be of salience.

(3)The Commission will meet virtually/directly initially with circulation of all background material provided by the Registrar, Directors and Deans of KAU and conduct semi- structured meetings with all the key stakeholders inviting presentations and assessing them. The Committee will debrief with apex stakeholders, such as ICAR and State Government leadership and submit a comprehensive report in draft to be finalized in consultation with the Department of Agriculture within six months of orders of the constitution.

(4)The members of the Commission while on duty will be treated as Guests of the Department of Agriculture and the Kerala Agricultural University and supported with transport and accommodation as applicable to Class-1 Officers of State Government. For the days of physical meetings, an honorarium of Rs.10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) shall be payable to those members not enjoying any substantive full time post in any State Government or Government of India only. Their TA and DA shall be allowed by Registry of KAU from the University's relevant Head of Account as applicable for class-I officers. They shall be entitled to rent free stay in University's facilities. The Committee shall report to Government every two months with suitable interim reports.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

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The Accountant General (A&E/Audit1/Audit2), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur.

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