



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Fisheries & Ports Department - State Level Committee for effective implementation of the EEZ Rules/High Sea Guidelines - Constituted - Orders issued.

FISHERIES AND PORTS (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.395/2026/F&P Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-07-2026

Read 1 Letter no. No: j-1102101/22/2025-Fy-Part(1) dated 01.04.2026 from the Government of India, Department of Fisheries.

ORDER

For the effective implementation of the EEZ Rules and High Sea Guidelines, the Central Government has constituted a n Inter-Ministerial Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Director of Fisheries, wherein the Secretary (Fisheries) of all Coastal States/UTs are the members.

2. In view of the need for close coordination among the Union Government, State Governments, and various agencies in regulating deep-sea and high-seas fisheries, the Government of India, as per the letter read above advised the coastal States / Union Territories to constitute State/UT-level Committees to oversee the implementation of the EEZ Rules and High Seas Guidelines.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to constitute a State-Level Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary to oversee the implementation of the EEZ Rules and High Sea Guidelines and to consider and recommend appropriate revisions based on the requirements of the State.

SL No.	Name	Designation
1.	Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2.	Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department or his/her representative	Member
3.	Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department or his/her representative	Member

4.	Secretary, Ports Department or his/her representative	Member
5.	Secretary, Co-operation Department or his/her representative	Member
6.	Special Secretary, Revenue Department or his/her representative	Member
7.	Special Secretary, Fisheries Department	Member
8.	Director of Fisheries	Member Secretary

4. The 'Terms of Reference' of the State/UT-level Committee are as below:

- i) To oversee the implementation of the 'Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Rules, 2025'.
- ii) To oversee the implementation of the Guidelines for Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the High Seas by Indian Flagged Fishing Vessels, 2025.
- iii) To advice the Government on development of deep-sea fisheries, including infrastructure and human resources or any other related aspects.
- iv) To facilitate and oversee effective coordination with State Government Departments for implementation of the EEZ Rules/High Sea Guidelines.

5. The Committee may co-opt any other expert, official or stakeholder, as considered necessary, to assist in the discharge of its functions.

6. The Committee shall meet at least once in a six months period, or earlier, as per the need arises.

(By order of the Governor)
BISHWANATH SINHA
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department.

The Secretary, Ports/Co-operation Department.

The Special Secretary, Revenue Department.

The Director of Fisheries, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
Finance Department.

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