

## **Personal Attention - IMPORTANT**



### **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

No. 8426/BPE2/06/Plg.

Planning & Eco. Affairs (BPE) Dept.  
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### **CIRCULAR**

Sub: Public Sector Undertakings - Settlement of Dispute between Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings - Further Instructions - Issued.

Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms.) No.27/96/P&ARD, dated 23/09/1996.  
2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Secretaries with Chief Secretary held on 10/05/2006.

Attention of the Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings are invited to the Government Order cited. An observation of the Hon'ble High Court, in their Judgement in O.P.No.4740/90 filed by Kerala State Electricity Board against the Forest Department for settling an issue pending from 1978 onwards, is reproduced below : --

"It is unfortunate that Government Department and State owned undertakings are fighting each other in Courts, Tribunals and other statutory forums for the redressal of their grievances rather than resolving the disputes

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using their own good offices. Disputes which can easily be resolved between themselves are brought before Courts, Tribunals and other forums spending money on court fees, procedural expenses and wasting public time. Many of the disputes remain unresolved for years and years, thereby holding up various projects and schemes of considerable importance".

On the basis of the above observation, the High Court has ordered to constitute a High Power Committee.

As per the above Government Order, Government had constituted a High Power Committee with the following members for dealing with the disputes between Government Departments themselves and State owned Public Sector Undertakings:--

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| (1) | Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.  | ... Chairman |
| (2) | Law Secretary  | ... Member   |
| (3) | Principal Secretary/Secretary of BPE<br>in the case of disputes relating to<br>Public Sector Undertakings.                             | ... Member   |
| (4) | Principal Secretary/Secretary of the Departments<br>concerned.   | ... Member   |
| (5) | The Head of the Department/Managing<br>Director in the case of Public Sector<br>Undertakings/Heads of Boards and<br>Autonomous Bodies. | ... Member   |
| (6) | Finance Secretary in the case of issue<br>involving financial Commitment.  | .. Member    |

