As per the Government order read above, Government of Kerala have approved the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment policy of the state. This policy applies to all department, agencies, enterprises, Boards and other units etc. The Gender Equality and Women Empowerment policy established a process and accountability frame work to design and monitor Gender Development projects and programme in the State across all line Departments. Empowering women is also an indispensable tool for advancing development and reducing poverty. In order to fulfill these indicators in the current year Budget 2017-18 an amount of ₹ 10 lakhs (Rs. Ten lakhs) ear marked for the implementation of special activities in support Gender Equality and Women Empowerment.

In these circumstances to co-ordinate the activities of Gender Equality and adopt Gender Equality and Women Empowerment policy it is highly essential to setup the Gender cell in the Commissionerate of Rural Development. Therefore sanction is hereby accorded to constitute a cell in Commissionerate of Rural Development comprising the following officers with immediate effect.

1. **Chairman.**
   Shri. V.S. Santhosh Kumar, Additional Development Commissioner-1.

2. **Technical Member/ Gender Resource Person.**
   Dr. Amrita Raj.R.M., Specialist RGSA, (Women studies) KILA/ CHRD.
3. Members.

1. Sobha. N., State Co-Ordinator (DWCRA)
2. Shyni. R., State Co-Ordinator (W &CP)
3. S. Deepa, Finance Officer
4. M. Lisha Mohan, Assistant Development Commissioner (DP)
5. Soorya S. Gopinath, Assistant Development Commissioner (MGNREGS)
6. Sareena Rahman, Assistant Development Commissioner, CRD
7. T. Ganga Varma, Senior Clerk, PMAY.
8. Salimol P. S., Clerk, P&M Section.
9. Jaya Jasmine, Typist

The Committee will monitor Gender Action Plan of the Department level with the frame work of the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment policy.

The Committee will monitor and evaluate the activities of the Rural Development Department, in the field of implementing the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment policy of the government through various schemes which will help and guide the State on monitoring the Gender Action Plan at the departmental level.

Sd/-
Commissioner for Rural Development

Copy to:

1. CA to CRD
2. Additional Development Commissioner I&II.
3. All Joint Development Commissioners.
4. All Officers of CRD/All Sections of CRD
5. Dr. Amritha Raj, Specialist RGSA, KILA, Kottarakara (With C/L)

Forwarded by Order

State Co-ordinator (DWCRA)