GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Higher Education Department- Delegation/Enhancement of financial powers of the Director of Technical Education (DTE) and subordinate officers – Orders Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.507/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 22-07-2026

Read 1 GO (P) No. 102/2017/Fin Dated 07.08.2017

2 Letter No. E.A-2/3/1827/19/DTE Dated 21.11.2023 from the Director, Technical Education Department.

3 G.O.(Rt)No.816/2026/HEDN Dated 08.07.2026

4 Minutes of the Empowered Committee meeting held on 10.07.2026.

ORDER

The Government of Kerala has announced its intention to seek strategic investment proposals for the substantial financial enhancement of the Higher and Technical Education sectors. The primary objective is to fund new infrastructure projects and modernize existing Government institutions. In addition to ongoing schemes and programmes, an additional amount of Rs.218 Crores has been earmarked for this initiativein FY 2026-27. This additional financial allocation is envisaged to meet the structural and academic requirements necessary to bring the state's Technical and Higher Education institutions on par with national and international benchmarks. This includes alignment with MERITE (Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education) guidelines, achieving higher NAAC Accreditation, and adhering to relevant foreign educational regulations over the next eight (8) years.

2) Rather than relying solely on traditional budgetary allocations, the Government intends to source the additional financing by way of specialized institutional project grants and external funding, to be

approved by the Government on a case-by-case basis. In the meantime, the Director of Technical Education (DTE) has brought to the notice of the Government that the Directorate is currently unable to procure adequate machinery, equipment, and administrative sanctions necessary for measuring, executing, and scaling up its present and upcoming operations.This operational bottleneck is a direct result of inadequate financial delegation under the existing rules. The delegation of powers was last comprehensively revised in the year 2017. Therefore, a formal proposal has been submitted by the Director, Technical Education for a suitable enhancement of their financial and administrative delegation of powers to match current market scales and operational demands. Urgent remedial delegations required to catch up with the inflation and resultant value erosion of contracts .

3) The Empowered Committee constituted as per Government Order read as 3rd paper above held on 10.07.2026 examined the present delegations of Director, Technical Education and Subordinate Officers of the Department of Technical Education and, recommended to revise financial powers.

4) Government have examined the matter and are pleased to revise the financial powers of the Director of Technical Education (DTE) as appended herewith.

5) The Director Technical Education shall further delegate Principals of Engineering Colleges / Other Institutions **not less than one third of Financial powers vested with Director** through Departmental proceedings and inform Government.

(By order of the Governor)
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Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department.
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Section Officer

Delegation of Financial Powers of Directorate of Technical Education			
Sl No	**Item**	**Present Power**	**Enhanced power recommended**
1.	Deputation for Training	In respect of Departments under Higher Education, Health, the Head of Departments can sanction such deputations within the State or in India subject to the restrictions on economy measures imposed by Government from time to time without prior consent of Government, provided that the Heads of Departments are satisfied with the need of the training for the Department concerned or he is an expert in that field to present a particular paper concerned and subject to budget provision. Such officers must have more than 2 years of service remaining for superannuation.	Director of Technical Education can sanction deputation for training anywhere in the world, without any expenditure from the Consolidated fund of the State or Public Account, no work is affected and no contractual appointment made in lieu of such deputation. 1) upto 1 month of such deputation may be treated as duty with salary 2) above one month and upto six months without salary (If costs are borne by scholarship or self) i. There will be a provision to file an appeal in rejected cases before Government. ii. Officers so deputed must have more than 2 years of residual service for superannuation and they should have completed probation. Director of Technical Education can sanction duty leave up to 15 days in an academic year to faculty members for attending conferences organised by reputed professional societies or training programmes in India / Abroad organised by reputed national/international

			institutions without further reference on duty. iii. No deputation to hostile countries/ in the negative list of Ministry of External Affairs shall be done.
2.	Sanction of Foreign Tours	Nil	Controlling Officers (Head of Department/Principals) can sanction foreign tours for private purpose within the provisions of G.O.(P) No. 233/2008/Fin. dated 03.06.2008 and G.O.(P) No.12/2019/Fin. dated 16.02.2019
3.	Permanent Advance	The Head of the Department may, without the concurrence of the Government, sanction permanent advance limited to a maximum of Rs. 20,000/-. The orders will be issued on the recommendation of Accountant General in conformity with Article 95 of the KFC Vol. I.	Head of the Department(DTE) can without the concurrence of the Government, sanction permanent advance limited to a maximum of **Rs. 1,00,000/-.**
4.	Reimbursement of Medical Expenses	Nil	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **Rs. 1,00,000/- in each case,** subject to the budget provision
5.	Hiring/renting of Private Buildings	Rs. 30,000/- per month in each case, subject to rent and non-availability certificate from PWD and subject to budget provision.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction upto **Rs. 1,00,000/- per month in each case,** subject to rent and non-availability certificate from PWD and subject to budget provision.

6.	Disposal of Unserviceable articles such as computer/furniture/UPS/AC / Fire Fighting equipment/Laboratory Equipment/ scrap	Rs. 15 lakh subject to the procedures stipulated in G.O.(Rt) No.5740/13/Fin dated 11/07/2013, G.O.(Ms) No.550/14/Fin dated 15/12/2014 and G.O.(Ms) No. 212/15/Fin dated 05/06/2015. Attention also invited to G.O.(Rt.) No.4789/15/Fin dated 14/05/2015.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **Rs. 30 Lakh in each case** subject the procedures stipulated in G.O.(Rt) No.5740/13/Fin dated 11/07/2013, G.O.(Ms) No.550/14/Fin dated 15/12/2014 and G.O. (Ms) No.212/15/Fin dated 05/06/2015 in each case. For further reference follow, G.O.(Rt) No.4789/15/Fin dated 14/05/2015, G.O. (Ms) No.27/2018/ITD Dated 28/10/2018, G.O. (Ms) No.30/2021/ITD Date 01/10/2021.
7.	Demolition of old and dilapidated buildings	Heads of Departments are delegated with power to sanction demolition of old and dilapidated buildings up to a limit of Rs. 3 lakh, subject to availability of Survey Report from PWD.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction demolition of old and dilapidated buildings up to a limit of **Rs. 50 lakh in each case**, subject to the availability of Survey Report from PWD.
8.	Cutting down of trees (to be removed for sufficient reasons such as causing risk to life, etc.)	The Heads of Departments may, without previous consultation with Government, sanction the cutting down of trees subject to the concurrence of Forest & Wild Life Department and Environment Department.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction without prior consultation with Government, cutting down of trees **upto Rs. 20 lakhs ,** subject to the conditions stipulated as per G.O. (Rt)No.526/2024/F&WLD dated 13.12.2024.
9.	Repair of Vehicles	Rs. 30,000/- per vehicle with an annual limit of Rs. 1 lakh, subject to availability of budget provision and on production of an essentiality certificate from PWD Assistant Executive Engineer (Mech.).	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction repair of vehicles up to a limit of **Rs. 1 Lakh for LMV and 2 Lakh for HMV in each case**, subject to availability of budget provision and on production of an essentiality certificate from PWD Assistant Executive Engineer (Mech.)

10.	Expenditure of New Works/ Ongoing works (Civil, Electrical, Sanitary works)	Rs 1 crore in each case for Head of the Departments under Group1 Category, subject to budget provision and Rs 50 lakh for Head of the Departments other than Group1 Category, and Rs. 2 Crore for Chief Engineer (PWD& Irrigation), subject to budget provision and existing schedule of rates.	**Rs 3 crore in each case** for Head of the Department (DTE) subject to budget provision.
11.	Maintenance estimates of Water Supply and Drainage Schemes	Heads of the Departments are delegated up to Rs. 3 lakh, subject to the availability of budget provision.	Head of the Department is delegated **up to Rs. 5 lakh** subject to the availability of budget provision.
12.	Repair/maintenance/renovation of Government buildings including compound walls.	Rs. 10 lakh for Heads of Departments under Group I Category and Rs. 5 lakh for Heads of Departments other than Group I, subject to budget provision, following transparent procedure and relevant guidelines in force. As a one- time assistance, the Director of Public Instructions is delegated with a financial power of Rs. 5 lakh for maintenance of school buildings during vacation times, subject to availability of budget provision.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **Rs.50 lakh in each case** , following transparent procedure and relevant guidelines in force and subject to the availability of budget provision.
13.	Purchase of Stores including Stationery (except purchase of Computers and peripherals / furniture / vehicles)	For purchase of Stores including stationery, the financial power is enhanced to Rs. 50 lakh for Heads of Departments under Group I category and Rs. 25 lakh for other Heads of	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction purchase of Stores including stationery, up to **Rs.150 lakh,** subject to budget provision and following Store Purchase Rules. Head of the Department can sanction purchase of stores

		Departments, subject to budget provision and following Store Purchase Rules.	under the Research Projects sanctioned from funding agencies such as DST, ANRF, Meity, etc. within the sanctioned amount from the funding agencies, as per the norms and guidelines issued by the funding agency.
14.	Purchase of Computer, Peripherals and Laptops	Heads of Departments can sanction expenditure for purchase of computer and peripherals including laptops up to Rs. 3 lakh, subject to budget provision and observing Store Purchase Procedures.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction expenditure for purchase of computer and peripherals including laptops up to **Rs. 100 lakh in each case**, subject to budget provision and observing Store Purchase Procedures.
15.	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)/IT related device, other equipments or machineries	Heads of Departments are delegated financial power up to Rs. 3 lakh, subject to observance of rules and procedures, and subject to budget provision. Concurrence of PWD or accredited agencies shall be obtained in the case of other equipments or machineries.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction the financial power up to **Rs. 12 lakh in each case**, subject to observance of rules and procedures, and subject to budget provision. Concurrence of PWD or accredited agencies shall be obtained in the case of other equipments or machineries.
16	Condemnation of vehicles	Heads of Departments may sanction condemnation of departmental vehicles having upset value up to Rs. 3 lakh, subject to compliance of the guidelines and norms fixed in G.O. (Ms) No.110/76/PWD dated 10-05-1976.	Head of the Department can sanction condemnation of departmental vehicles having upset value **up to Rs. 5 lakh**, subject to compliance of the guidelines and norms fixed in G.O.(Ms) No.110/76/PWD dated 10-05-1976.
17.	Write off	Heads of Departments may sanction up to Rs. 1,00,000/- in each case, subject to the strict compliance of	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **up to Rs. 5 Lakh** in each case, subject to the strict compliance of KFC Articles 300–303 and

		KFC Articles 300–303 and Article 161 of KFC Vol. I.	Article 161 of KFC Vol. I.
18.	Purchase of furniture	Sanction up to Rs. 5 lakh for Heads of Departments under Group I Category and Rs. 2 lakh for other Heads of Departments, subject to budget provision and Store Purchase Rules.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction up to **Rs. 50 lakh** for the procurement of Classroom, Lab and Hostel Furniture for existing Engineering Colleges, Polytechnic Colleges, Fine Arts Colleges and Technical High Schools and **upto Rs. 100 lakh for new institutions** subject to budget provision and Store Purchase Rules. DTE can sanction up to **Rs. 5 lakh** for procurement of Office furniture.
19.	Repair of equipments/small machineries, furniture	The Head of Department may sanction repair of equipments/small machineries, furniture up to a limit of Rs. 3 lakh, subject to budget provision.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction for the repair of equipments/small machineries, furniture up to a limit of **Rs.10 lakh in each case**, subject to budget provision.
20.	Condemnation of small machines, AC, refrigerators, Hospital equipments/fire fighting equipments, Lab equipments	Nil	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction for the condemnation of small machines, AC, refrigerators, fire fighting equipments, Lab equipments **upto a limit of Rs. 20 lakh in each case,** subject to budget provision.
21.	Shifting of Offices	To incur charges up to Rs. 50,000/-, subject to budget provision (loading and unloading charges will be at the rate fixed by Labour Department). For other items, tender procedure should be followed.	The Head of Department (DTE) can incur charges **up to Rs. 20 Lakh,** subject to budget provision (loading and unloading charges will be at the rate fixed by Labour Department). For other items, tender procedure should be followed.
22.	Refund	Nil	Head of the Department can sanction refund

			of revenue **up to Rs. 1,00,000/-,** subject to the conditions stipulated in Rule 200, KTC Vol. I and Articles 35 and 36, KFC Vol. I.
23.	Temporary Advance	Rs. 10,000/-, subject to the conditions stipulated in Article 99, KFC Vol. I.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **upto Rs. 50,000/-,** subject to the conditions stipulated in Article 99, KFC Vol. I.
24.	Upgradation / AMC of existing software	Nil	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction for the upgradation /AMC of existing software up to an amount of **Rs. 50 lakh in each case,** subject to availability of funds, observance of relevant rules in force, and subject to the concurrence of the Departmental Technical Committee
25.	Ceremonial function	To incur expenditure for each ceremonial function up to Rs. 25,000/-, subject to an annual limit of Rs. 50, 000, budget provision and as per actual requirement only.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction the expenditure for each ceremonial function **up to Rs. 1.5 Lakh** subject to an annual limit of Rs. 5 Lakh, budget provision and as per actual requirement only.
26.	Printing	Rs. 50,000/- (In emergent cases printing work may be entrusted to private presses without reference to the Superintendent of Government Presses to an amount not exceeding Rs.10,000/- at a time, subject to an annual limit of Rs. 25,000/- ,subject to budget provision.)	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction **Rs. 100 Lakhs** in Government Presses. (In emergent cases printing work may be entrusted to private presses based on competitive bidding without reference to the Superintendent of Government Presses subject to annual limit of Rs. 100 Lakh)
27.	Advertisement	Heads of Departments under Group I can sanction expenditure towards advertisement charges up to a limit of	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction expenditure towards advertisement charges up to a limit of **Rs. 5 lakh in each case** subject to

		Rs.50,000/- and Rs. 25,000/- for other Heads of Departments, subject to budget provision and the existing PRD rate.	budget provision and the existing PRD rate.
28.	Purchase of Equipments for fire fighting and rescue operations (Excluding vehicles)	Head of Department can sanction expenditure up to Rs. 10 lakh, subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction expenditure **up to Rs. 25 lakh in each case,** subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.
29.	Repair, maintenance and purchase of spare parts for Fire and Rescue Services vehicles	Head of Department can sanction expenditure up to Rs. 2 lakh, subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction expenditure **up to Rs. 10 lakh in each case,** subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.
30.	Purchase of software for the curriculum activities and Labs for Engineering Colleges, Polytechnic College, Fine Arts Colleges and Technical High Schools	Nil	Head of the Department (DTE) can sanction the expenditure **up to Rs. 20 lakh** in each case, subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.
31.	Competency for Issuing Purchase and Payment Sanctions	Nil	The Head of the Department (DTE) is authorized to issue Purchase and Payment Sanction orders pursuant to the Administrative Sanction accorded by the Administrative Department subject to budget provision and observance of all formalities and Store Purchase Rules.