



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Department of Tourism - Working Group on Plan Schemes – Interpretation Centre and Landscape Development at Kunchan Nambiar Smrithi Mandapam, Ambalappuzha - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

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**TOURISM (A) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O (Rt) No. 1687/12/TSM                      Dated , Thiruvananthapuram, 01//03/2012**

Read:- Note No. P4-1618/2012 dated 03/02/2012 from the Director,  
Department of Tourism, Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

Kunchan Nambiar (1705-1770) was an early Malayalam language poet, performer, satirist and the inventor of Ottamtullal, a local art form of Kerala. He was the master of satirist poetry. The chief contribution of Nambiar is the invention and popularisation of a new performing art known as Tullal. Government of Kerala have developed ‘Smruthi Mandapam’ in memory of Kunchan Nambiar at Ambalapuzha in the premises of Sri Krishna temple. It was in this temple that Kunchan Nambiar staged the first ‘Ottan Thullal’. Now the Smrithi Mandapam is in a dilapidated condition and needed renovation.

Considering the importance of tourism in this destination, the Director, Department of Tourism as per the note read above has forwarded a proposal for the project "Interpretation Centre and landscape development of Kunchan Nambiar Smrithi Mandapam at Ambalapuzha" for administrative sanction at an estimated cost of ₹. 26,00,200/- (Twenty six lakhs and two hundred only).

The working Group that met on 14-02-2012 considered the proposal of the Director, Department of Tourism and approved the Project.

Administrative Sanction is therefore accorded for the "Interpretation Centre and landscape development of Kunchan Nambiar Smrithi Mandapam at Ambalapuzha project" at an estimated cost of ₹. 26,00,200/- (Twenty six lakhs and two hundred only). The work will be done by District Tourism Promotion Council, Alappuzha following all the relevant codal formalities and the revised schedule of rates of 2010. The expenditure for the purpose will be met from the head of account "3452-80-800-90(29) Up gradation and creation of Tourist Infrastructures and schemes to be implemented by Department of Tourism (Plan)" in the current years budget.

The work will be completed with in a period of 12 months.

By Order of the Governor

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Additional Secretary to Government

To

The Director, Department of Tourism, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Planning and Economic Affairs Department.  
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