

FUNCTIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES IN THE CORPORATION OF COCHIN

I. The Standing Committee for Finance

- (i) supervise the utilization of budget grants and watch carefully the timely assessment and collection of taxes, fees, rents and other sums due to the Corporation;
- (ii) inspect frequently the accounts of Corporation;
- (iii) watch carefully the release of grants from the Government and its proper utilization;
- (iv) conduct monthly audit of accounts and check the monthly demand, collection and balance and abstract of receipts and expenditure of the preceding month as furnished by the Secretary;
- (v) may, subject to such rules as may be prescribed, write off the sums due to the Council as appears to the Committee as irrecoverable;
- (vi) scrutinise the annual accounts, demands, collection and balance;
- (vii) prepare and present the budget estimate before the Council under Section 286;
- (viii) verify whether any amount proposed to be expended by the Corporation is within the budget provisions approved by the Council and whether there is sufficient fund for this purpose;
- (ix) enquire into the allegations against the employees of the Corporation if directed by the Council and bring the result of it to the notice of the Council;

II. **The Standing Committee for development** deal with matters of agriculture, soil conservation, social forestry, animal husbandry, dairy development, minor irrigation, fisheries, small scale industries, co-operation, institutional finance and prepare the development plans of the Corporation integrating the proposal of other Standing Committees;

III. **The Standing Committee for Welfare** deal with matters of Welfare of women and children, development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Social Welfare, Social Security Pension and Financial Assistance, Slum improvement and Public distribution system;

IV. **The Standing Committee for Health and Education** deal with matters of public health and health services, sanitation, education and sports;

V. **The Standing Committee for Works** deal with matters of public works, housing, electricity, water supply, drainage and sewerage;

VI. **The Standing Committee for Town-Planning** deal with matters of town planning including regulation of building constructions, environment, urban beautification, promotion of art and culture and preservation of monuments and places and buildings of archaic importance; heritage value and natural beauty;

VII. **The Standing Committee for Appeal** dispose of appeals on taxation and give directions to the Secretary to levy tax in respect of cases which escaped assessment and to reassess under valued cases.