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*further to amend the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1986.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1986 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 15.*—In sub-section (2) of section 15 of the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1986 (14 of 1986),—

(a) in the proviso to clause (ii), for the words “rupees five crores”, the words “rupees ten crores” shall be substituted;

(b) in the proviso to clause (iv), for the words “rupees five crores”, the words “rupees ten crores” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per section 15 of the Kerala Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1986 (14 of 1986), the power of sanctioning schemes costing more than rupees five crores and the power to enter into any contract or any agreement involving more than rupees five crores can be exercised by the Kerala Water Authority only with the previous approval of the Government. Recently, the Kerala Water Authority is executing most of pipe laying works on supply and laying basis, which includes cost of pipes and laying charges. The cost of pipes have increased due to upward revision in the cost of raw materials and increase in the labour charges and transportation charges. Accordingly, the amount of contract for works have 547/2014.

in turn increased considerably. Also, hike in prices of materials such as steel, cement, sand, etc. resulted in increase in the construction cost of civil structures drastically. Therefore, the Kerala Water Authority has proposed the Government to make suitable amendments in the said Act to enhance the monetary limit from rupees five crores to rupees ten crores in respect of sanctioning of schemes as well as for entering into contracts or agreements.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

#### FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

P. J. JOSEPH.

EXTRACT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS FROM THE KERALA WATER  
SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE ACT, 1986  
(14 OF 1986)

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15. *Powers of the Authority.*—(1) The Authority shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, have power to do anything which may be necessary or expedient for carrying out its functions under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, such power shall include the power—

(i) to obtain such periodic or specific information from any local body as it may deem necessary;

(ii) to prepare and carry out schemes for water supply and sewerage and to exercise all powers and perform all functions relating thereto:

Provided that the power of sanctioning schemes costing more than rupees five crores shall be exercised only with the previous approval of the Government;

(iii)\*\* \* \* \*

(iv) to enter into contract or agreement with any person, firm or institution as the Authority may deem necessary, for performing its functions under this Act:

Provided that any contract or agreement involving more than rupees five crores shall be entered into by the Authority only with the previous approval of the Government;

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