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G. O. (P) No.6/2020/H&FWD.


S. R. O. No. 170/2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45 and 46 of Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (Central Act No. 10 of 2017) read with rule 3 of the Mental Healthcare (State Mental Health Authority) Rules, 2018 dated 29th May, 2018, issued by the Government of India, the Government of Kerala hereby nominate Smt. Bindu, K. K., Joint Secretary, Social Justice Department, Shri Ajith K. Joseph, Joint Secretary, Home Department, Smt. V. M. Rahana, Joint Secretary, Law Department and Shri Cleetus, J., Joint Secretary,
Finance Department as members in the State Mental Health Authority vide G.O. (P) No.87/2019/H&FWD dated 16th July, 2019 and published as S. R. O. No. 486/2019 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1651 dated 19th July, 2019, and consequently make the following amendment to the said notification, namely:

**AMENDMENT**

In the said notification,—

(i) after entry (c) the following entries shall be inserted, namely: —

"(d) Smt. Bindu, K. K, Joint Secretary, Social Justice Department
.. Member (ex-officio)
(e) Shri Ajith K. Joseph, Joint Secretary, Home Department
.. Member (ex-officio)
(f) Smt. V. M. Rahana, Joint Secretary, Law Department
.. Member (ex-officio)
(g) Shri Cleetus, J., Joint Secretary Finance Department
.. Member (ex-officio)"

(ii) for the words "remaining members" the words "non official members" shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAGADE,
Principal Secretary to Government.

**Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Section 45 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (Central Act No. 10 of 2017) provides that every State Government shall, within a period of nine months from the date on which the said Act receives assent of the President, by notification, establish an Authority to be known as the State Mental Health Authority. Government have established State Mental Health Authority vide notification issued under G.O.(P) No.87/2019/H&FWD dated 16th July, 2019 and published as S. R. O. No. 486/2019 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1651 dated 19th July, 2019, with three members. Now Government have decided to nominate 4 officers as ex-officio members of the said Authority, by amending the said notification.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.