More decisions for ensuring smooth functioning of Janakeeya Hotels

925 Janakeeya Hotels are functioning across the state, serving lunch at Rs 20. Minister level discussion was held last week for taking decisions to ensure smooth functioning of Janakeeya Hotels. The aim was to take decisions to improve their functioning. Based on this, two Government Orders are received now for the functioning of the Janakeeya Hotels. Key decisions have been made as per the G.O (Rt) No.522/2021/LSGD Dated 22/02/2021 of Local Self Government Department and G.O (Rt) No. 110/2021/FCSD dated 23/02/2021 of Food and Civil Supplies Department (D). They are given as follows:

1. Janakeeya Hotels can be started as per the local needs and opportunities without limiting it to earlier approved numbers. So there can be more than one hotel in each panchayats and more than one each for 10 wards in the Urban local bodies.

2. Local Self Government Institutions may allot fund for improving the basic infrastructure of the hotels, where there is lack of amenities or space.

3. If Janakeeya Hotels are not considered by the Local Self Government Institutions, Kudumbashree may take up and start the hotels.

4. Janakeeya Hotels can be started in the plantation areas of Wayanad district. Such hotels may serve porridge at Rs 10/- (Rs 10/- subsidy will be there)

5. Establishment Permit of Food and Civil Supplies Department will be issued to more than than one Janakeeya Hotel in a panchayath (earlier, it was limited to one permit per local body)

6. The establishment permit given till 31 March 2021 was extended to one more year.

These two Government Orders provided much needed policy decisions for Janakeeya hotels. Now the functioning of hotels will be more efficient.