

Kannada Development Authority Act, 1994

Chapter 3 -

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- (b) suggest measures to the State Government for the effective implementation of the recommendations of Dr. Sarojini Mahishi Report as approved by the State Government;
- (c) identify the hurdles in the implementation of Kannada as the administrative language and to take suitable measures to solve them;
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- (e) arrange training programmes, workshops, exhibitions and seminars which would facilitate the use of Kannada for officers and officials and Kannada teaching courses for non kannadigas and to prepare the necessary syllabus and literature;
- (f) publish, purchase and distribute useful publications relating to the development of Kannada;
- (g) ensure all the forms used in the offices are printed in Kannada and to examine and grant permission for the printing of forms, publications and registers which are required to be in languages other than Kannada;
- (h) examine whether the regional language as being used in the forms, notices and name plates that are in day to day use in accordance with the language policy of the Central Government in the offices of the Central Government, banks, post offices and in other offices and undertakings which have more public contacts in the State and to conduct correspondence with those offices in this connections;
- (i) take decisions on the matters of preparation, revision, printing and distribution of reference books on administration and to implement the same and to monitor the progress in this field and suggest necessary

measures;

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Section 16 - Officers made responsible to carryout the objectives of the Authority

(1) The Chief Secretary at the State level, the Divisional Commissioner at Divisional level, the Deputy Commissioner at District level, the Assistant Commissioner at the Sub- divisional level and the Tahsildar at the Taluk level shall be responsible to carryout the objectives of the Authority.

(2) The State Government may by notification specify officer responsible for implementation of the different projects and programmes of the Authority and different class of officers may be specified for different departments.

Section 17 - Obtaining information

The Authority may for the purpose of this Act seek and obtain information relating to implementation of Dr. Sarojini Mahishi Report and the Kannada Development from any officer of the State Government and such officer shall be bound to furnish the information sought by the Authority.

Section 18 - Advise by the Authority

The Authority, in order to carryout the purposes of this Act, shall advise the State Government regarding implementation of its projects and programmes.

Section 19 - Power to record dereliction of duty and to inform the appointing authority

The Authority in order to carryout the purposes of the Act, shall record, any violation by the officers and officials of the State Government and local bodies of any order, issued by the Government from time to time or of any order, which is already in force as dereliction of duty and shall advise to the appointing authority for necessary action.
