



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Environment (A) Department

No.A2/164/2018/Envt

Thiruvananthapuram

Dated:17/06/2022

From

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,Water Resources Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Local Self Government Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Finance Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Home Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Revenue Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Planning & Economic Affairs Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Agriculture Department

The Additional Chief Secretary,Higher Education Department

The Principal Secretary,General Education Department

The Secretary,Public Works Department

The Secretary, Law Department

The Director

Directorate of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director,Directorate of Industries, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director,

Directorate of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram

All District Collectors(Through the Land Revenue Commissioner,
Land Revenue Commissionerate, Thiruvananthapuram)

The Land Revenue Commissioner, Land Revenue Commissionerate
Thiruvananthapuram)

The Secretary, Municipal Corporation,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam,
Thrissur , Guruvayur, Kozhicode, kannur

The managing Director,
Kerala Water Authority, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram

The Superintending Engineer,
Irrigation(Through the Chief Engineer Irrigation & Administration,
Thiruvananthapuram)

The Commissioner for Rural Development
Nanthencod, Thiruvananthapuram

The City Police Commissioner, Ernakulam

The Executive Director,
Suchithwa Mission, Thiruvananthapuram

The Mission Director(AMRUT)State Mission management Unit,
4th Floor, Meenakshi Plaza, Artech Building,
Opposite Government Hospital, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram

The Member Secretary
Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

Sub: Environment Department – Chief Secretary's meeting with RRC/
Stakeholder department/Authorities in the matter of NGT Order in
OA No.673/2018 held on 26-05-2022- Minutes forwarding of- Reg
Ref: Minutes of the meeting dated 26-05-2022.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the reference cited and to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held by the Chief Secretary with RRC, Stakeholder Departments and Authorities on 26.05.2022 in the matter of NGT Order in OA No.673 of 2018 for urgent necessary action.

The action taken report may be furnished at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,
GEETHA GOPINATH
Under Secretary

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Approved for issue,

Section Officer



Minutes of the Virtual Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary with RRC, Stake holder Departments and Authorities on 26/05/2022 to review the progress made in the projects taken up as per orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, in OA No. 673/2018 (PZ) and connected matters

The meeting commenced at 12:00 noon with the Chief Secretary presiding. The following officials were present: Additional Chief Secretaries of Water Resources and Finance Departments, Secretaries of Law, Public Works and Water Resources Departments, Principal Director, Local Self Government Department, Directors of Panchayats and Urban Affairs, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Additional Secretary, Revenue Department, Commissioner, Land Revenue, District Collectors of Kozhikkode, Palakkad, Thrissur and Kannur, DDCs of Ernakulam and Kollam, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Additional Director, Industries & Commerce, Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board and other officers concerned. Progress made since the last monthly meeting (held on 19/04/2022) in implementing the projects was reviewed. Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board presented the updated status. The following decisions were taken.

ISTP/FSTP projects:

(i) Thrissur Corporation- Decentralized Sewerage Treatment Scheme.

It was decided in the earlier meetings to find an alternate land for the Sewerage Treatment Plant when the proposed land was found to be kole wetland. Earlier SLMC had rejected the plea of ULB to convert the land for the STP. Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department urged the Departments/Authorities to study the present situation, look into the present usage of land and to find viable alternatives to resolve the impasse, as the matter of septage / sewage treatment is vital. Principal Director, LSGD informed that the nature of the land may be reassessed to see if reclassification of land is possible by the Local Monitoring Committee. Chief Secretary directed the LSGD to constitute a committee in this regard with Principal Director LSGD, District Collector, Project Director AMRUT, Thrissur Corporation Secretary, as members and co-opting any other members as needed, to examine the matter and to expedite the process. Meanwhile Thrissur Corporation may also look for other options.

(Action: Revenue/Local Self Governments, District Collector/TSR Corp. Secretary , Thrissur).

(ii) Guruvayur Municipality:

In the previous meeting it was decided to take up the septage plant with the existing STP by installing additional infrastructure. MD, KWA informed that proposal for Dilution Tank and connected works for Rs 36 Lakhs has been submitted vide letter dated 15/02/2022 for Administrative Sanction and was considered by the Scheme Sanctioning

Committee of RKL. ACS, RKL agreed to look into it. Chief Secretary directed the Additional Chief Secretary, RKL to expedite the procedures.

(Action: Finance/ Local Self Government Departments, Kerala Water Authority)

(iii) STP at Yakkara, Palakkad:

Land for the project was handed over by the Revenue Department and the same is demarcated. Municipal Secretary informed that the first contractor engaged has shown reluctance to undertake the work citing financial crisis and work escalation. Further informed that the second bidder also took the same stand and now the matter will be taken up with the council. Two WPs were filed against the proposed project and in one case there is an interim stay order upto 01/06/2022. Order issued by the Principal Secretary, Revenue Department has been challenged. DUA and AMRUT were directed by ACS, WRD to follow up the matter and to provide detailed statement of facts citing - necessity of the projects, hindrances so far encountered to get the land now in possession, delay encountered earlier in execution due to non-availability of land etc. and if the project cannot take of it will cause irreparable loss etc. may be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court. CS directed that LSGD is to file detailed statement before Hon'ble Court immediately.

(Action: Local Self Government/ Revenue/Law/Revenue Departments, DC, Palakkad)

(iv).Kozhikkode Corporation- Sewerage system in Zone A- Package A & Zone A-Package B:

(a)Zone A- Package A:Secretary, Kozhikkode Corporation informed that a meeting was held with the District Collector on 06/05/2022 and as decided intimation was given to the contractor on 09/05/2022 to be ready for restarting the works. Confidence building works as directed by SHPC like canal cleaning and site clearance activities are being carried out. Protest may be there once the work starts. Chief Secretary directed the District Collector, Kozhikkode to initiate stringent actions against those under section 107 of Cr.PC hampering peace in the area and hindering the developmental projects of the State Government.

(b)Zone A-Package B: Secretary, Kozhikkode Corporation conveyed that fencing works at the proposed location was started on 27/04/2022 with Police protection and poles were erected and that only preliminary work could be started as there is stay issued in the writ petition. In public protests against the project, about 45 persons were arrested. Chief Secretary directed that the State Government has to immediately file an objection citing all details on the need for the immediate execution of the project. Director of Urban Affairs and Mission Director, AMRUT were instructed during the meeting to give necessary data to LSGD to enable them to draft a proper Affidavit / Statement.

Action: (a) & (b)-Local Self Government, Home Departments, DC&SP Kozhicodu, AMRUT, Director, Urban Affairs)

2. Karamana Sewer Network, Muttathara Sewer Network.

MD, KWA informed that M/s. REPL was continuing with the assignment. Draft proposal for 6 wards received from the company is under scrutiny. Capacity assessment done for REPL and found unsatisfactory. In house work is being proposed. CS directed that DPR shall be completed quickly also to look into the funding sources.

Action: KWA, Finance, Water Resources Departments)

3. CETP- Edayar & Aroor:

(a) Edayar

Additional Director, Industries & Commerce informed that work order for the construction of CETP at Edayar was issued to KWA on 21/05/2022. Inspections have been conducted from KSPCB and show cause notices were issued to 86 industries in Edayar industrial area. Environmental Compensation was calculated for 7 industries. Additional Director, I & C also conveyed that the O&M cost is to be met from the industries functioning there. Fine being collected from the industries will be utilized for funding this project. Project work is expected to commence during June 2022.

Action: Industries Department, Director, Industries & Commerce KSPCB, KWA)

(b). Aroor CETP

Additional Director, I&C informed that JIS International Exports Pvt. Ltd has filed a WPC 29163/2021. The case will be heard on 07/06/2022. Case being followed by DIC closely. Administrative sanction for the project received vide letter No. DIC/3468/2020-ID3 dated 21/05/2022 of I&C Department. Action is being taken to tender the work. Chief Secretary directed to complete the project in a time bound manner.

(Action: IND ENVT, KSPCB)

4..Land Policy of State Government & Identifying land for various local bodies for implementing sewer networks and STPs.

Commissioner, Land Revenue informed that the draft land policy of the State has been submitted to the Administrative Department. Details of Government land available in ULBs for implementing sewer networks and STPs were reported to the Director of Urban Affairs and Director of Panchayats. This land is to be notified and earmarked

for this specific purpose. Decision awaited on land policy.

(Action: Revenue , LSGD, DUA, KWA)

5. Ranking of Local bodies.

Director, Panchayats informed that ranking of Panchayats based on their performance in waste management is completed. The details of best performers may be included in the Panchayat Raj magazine and Government websites

Director, Urban Affairs shall complete the ranking of urban local bodies. Also directed the District Collectors to closely monitor the performance of local bodies in waste management.

(Action: LSGD, DUA, All district Collectors.)

6. STP- Kureppuzha & Elankulam

(a) Kureppuzha:- MD, KWA conveyed that 58% of the works of Kureppuzha 12 MLD STP has been completed. It was expected to complete the works by 30/06/2022, but due to the sporadic rain and delay in getting electromechanical items, the expected date of completion is rescheduled as 31/07/2022. MD, KWA informed that site inspection will be done next week to assess the progress. CS directed that action shall be expedited. (Action: KWA)

(b) Elankulam

MD, KWA informed that 92 % of the work has been completed and trial run & remaining works are progressing on war foot. CS directed to complete the remaining works as early as possible. (Action: KWA)

7. List of projects stayed by High Court and Tribunal

In the earlier meetings held it was decided that all departments shall list out the cases wherein waste management projects were stayed by the Courts /Tribunals to be brought to the attention of Advocate General, Law Secretary for vacating such stays. CS asked whether LSGD collected the details of such projects and directed that all LSGIs shall prepare a list of such cases and forward the same through the directorate to Local Self Government Department. LSGD shall issue necessary communication immediately to all LSGIs in this regard LSGD shall also forward the compiled data to the Law Department and file statement immediately through the GP's to vacate the stay. Law Secretary may take urgent steps on the future course of action.

(Action: LSGD, Director Panchayat , Director Urban Affairs ,Commissioner for Rural Development, WRD, LAW Departments)

8.E- Flow of rivers - Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department conveyed that e-flow calculation of 34 rivers have been completed and that the remaining will be completed soon. CE, Irrigation Department also informed that the DPR and cost estimation for maintaining e-flow is being prepared. ACS, WRD pointed out that check dams under e-flow projects may be considered under 'Samyukta Projects' jointly dealt with by the District, Block and Gramapanchayats, wherein Planning Board provides 25 % incentive.

(Action: WRD, LSGD)

9. Eviction of encroachments in water bodies

CE, Irrigation Department informed that 44 Executive Engineers were assigned one river each to identify encroachments. CS informed that Digital survey will commence in the State in June and the same may also be utilized to survey the water bodies and fix boundaries. Executive Engineers shall take urgent necessary actions to identify and evict encroachments.

(Action: WRD, REV, DCs, Survey & Land Records)

10. STP projects in ULBs

MD, KWA informed that only 7 out of 28 ULBs have identified land for the STPs. DPRs for these 7 STPs are being prepared. This is to be loaded to PRICE 3. Chief Secretary directed the KWA to prioritize these 7 ULBs. 2 or 3 most suitable projects can be funded under RKI. Priority may be given to DPRs where land is available/gravity flow possible/free land surrender possible so that cost component is low. MD, KWA assured that the estimates will be made available by 01/06/2022. ACS, WRD reiterated that DPR may be prepared only for ULBs which have identified land. KWA & DUA had a discussion and ULBs were directed to come up with land for such projects. ACS, WRD also asked KWA to look into alternate provisions, other than gravitational flow schemes which may not always be feasible. The funding proposal detailed by M.D, KWA seemed too high (for Harippad Municipality the proposed amount is Rs. 442 Cr). It was decided to explore alternative options with priority for water logged areas.

(Action: LSGD, RKI, FIN, KWA, WRD, IT(NIC))

11. Financial Assistance from the Ministry of Jal Shakti under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)

ACS, WRD informed that the proposals for financial assistance from Ministry of Jal Shakti under NRCP are being prepared. Chief Secretary directed the WRD to submit the proposals before National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) at the earliest. (Action: WRD)

12. Review of bathing quality of Polluted River Stretches

MS, KSPCB informed that 10 out of 21 polluted river stretches identified had achieved bathing quality standards as per latest analysis reports. Chief Secretary directed the District Collectors chairing DLMCs to conduct the monthly monitoring, as directed by NGT, effectively. DCs having jurisdictional control over those stretches where water quality is yet to be improved, shall identify the reason and shall take action so that those water stretches also achieve the bathing standards at the earliest. Monthly analysis reports of the polluted river stretches shall be forwarded to DCs in personal name cover for further necessary action. A statistical data on progress made in completion of projects taken up shall be made, for which status may be provided by the implementing agencies concerned. DLMCs may also get this assessed.

(Action: WRD, DCs, KSPCB)

Meeting came to a close by 01:30 PM.

CHIEF SECRETARY