

Minutes of the 3rd State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) held on 4th July 2016 at 4.30 pm in the Committee room of Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala.

Members Present

1. Sri. V J Kurian IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department
2. Sri. V S Senthil IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department.
3. Sri. James Varghese IAS, Principal Secretary, Fisheries & Ports Department (Former Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department)
4. Sri. T K Jose IAS, Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department
5. Dr. V K Baby IAS, Special Secretary, Local Self Government Department.
6. Sri. P S Mohammed Sagir IAS, Project Director, Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project
7. Dr. K Vasuki IAS, Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
8. Sri. Saji Kumar P R, Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department.
9. Smt. Omana P B , Joint Secretary, Finance Department
10. Sri. Shaji Joseph, Chief Town Planner (Planning)
11. Sri. Binu Francis, Programme Officer, Kudumbashree Mission

The meeting of State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) of AMRUT Chaired by Sri. S.M. Vijayanand IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, commenced at 4.30 pm. The SHPS observed that the Mission Director, Shri. A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish IAS is transferred from the post of Secretary, LSG(UAD) and hence a new Mission Director has to be nominated to coordinate the AMRUT programme. In the absence of the Mission Director, Urban Planner from the State Mission Management Unit presented the Agenda in the SHPS.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 2nd SHPS meeting

The committee approved the minutes of the SHPS meeting held on 17.02.2016

2. Action taken report on the Minutes of the 2nd SHPS.

The committee noted and deliberated on the actions taken on the decisions taken in the 2nd SHPS. The following decisions were taken by the SHPS.

• Administrative Sanction (AS) for projects AMRUT

In the light of the delay in obtaining Administrative Sanction for AMRUT projects for 2015-16, Chairman directed that AS shall be accorded by SHPS henceforth. A detailed note on AS for the projects has to be submitted to Finance (Expenditure) Department. With the Additional Chief Secretary of Finance, already being a member of SHPS, the SHPS will act as the Empowered Committee for AMRUT and accord Administrative Sanction.

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• **Technical Sanction (TS) for projects under AMRUT**

The committee decided to freeze the decision of the 2nd SHPSC regarding the process for obtaining the TS for the projects from the implementing agency. The SHPSC decided to follow the procedure adopted under JnnURM by constituting an expert SHPSC with a set of independent sectoral experts. This Expert Committee, will appraise and accord Technical Sanction for AMRUT projects.

3. Components of AMRUT Scheme and Status of AMRUT in Kerala

The committee took note of the progress of activities under AMRUT in the nine Mission Cities in Kerala.

4. Approval of the selection process for the Consultant shortlisted as Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for AMRUT.

After a detailed deliberation on the selection process adopted for the selection of PDMC, the SHPSC approved the process adopted and the appointment of the consortium of M/s WAPCOS and Oasis Inc. as the PDMC for AMRUT in Kerala.

The Chairman emphasized that WAPCOS shall submit the details like age, qualification, expertise, experience and performance credentials of all their team members and obtain the concurrence of State Government before deploying the experts in the PDMC team.

5. Role Clarity of various implementing agencies and strategy for AMRUT implementation.

The Managing Director of Kerala Water Authority (KWA), confirmed that projects related to Water Supply shall be completely handled by KWA, including its conceptualisation, design, planning, implementation & monitoring. Principal Secretary (LSGD) pointed out that apart from physical and financial progress, time bound achievement of output also should be strictly monitored. For projects related to Sewerage and Septage Management, KWA proposed that they would require only design consultancy from PDMC. The KWA Managing Director requested the SHPSC to allocate a certain percentage of AMRUT administrative expenses to KWA.

General remarks

The SHPSC decided that, the Projects under Storm Water Drainage, Urban Transport and Open Spaces & parks will be implemented by the Local bodies of the Mission Cities with end-to-end support from the PDMC. For the remaining two sectors, SHPSC agreed to the proposal of KWA for water supply and sewerage projects and the Chairman suggested that A&OE may be proportionately shared with KWA, if possible.

6. Roadmap for Urban Reforms in Kerala

The committee discussed in details about various reforms, its mile: stones and expected impact. The committee stated that the Municipal council should be made fully aware of

the political and administrative efforts needed in committing to achieve the reforms. Chairman directed the Mission Management Unit to prepare a detailed note in Malayalam on Reforms to be circulated among the Mission Cities. It was also pointed out that the Council resolution has to be obtained for achieving each reform target and the score card is approved by the Council before submission to the nodal agency.

The SHPSC also directed to constitute a State Level Reforms committee to oversee the compliance of Urban Reforms by the Mission Cities with the following members:

- i. Principal Secretary, LSGD (Chairman)
- ii. Secretary, Water Resources Department
- iii. Secretary, Local Self Government Department
- iv. Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department
- v. Secretary, Power Department
- vi. Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
- vii. Executive Director, Information Kerala Mission
- viii. Chief Town Planner (Planning)

7. Policy for deployment of interns in Urban Local Bodies in Kerala.

The SHPSC reviewed the draft policy for deployment of interns in Urban Local Bodies in Kerala and the committee suggested to increase the minimum duration of the internship from 8 weeks to 1 year. Also, the category of interns to include the students from sectors across Urban Planning and Management, Environmental Science, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Finance, Management, Social Work , Researchers etc.

8. Credit rating of the AMRUT Mission Cities

The SHPSC took note of the progress of the efforts taken for credit rating in the Mission Cities as part of the Reforms.

9. Appointment of Town and Country Planning Department as the Nodal Agency for the formulation of “GIS based Master Plans for AMRUT Cities”.

The committee noted and ratified the appointment of Town and Country Planning Department as the Nodal Agency for the formulation of “GIS based Master Plans for cities under AMRUT”. Also, noted and approved the appointment Shri. Shaji Joseph (CTP- Planning) as the Nodal Officer for the said activities. The prioritization of the cities of Thiruvananthapuram, Alappuzha, Guruvayoor and Kannur for the formulation of GIS based Master Plans was also approved by the SHPSC.

10. Approval of fund allocation to Mission Cities for SAAP 2016-17

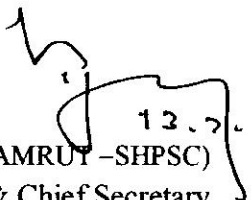
The committee deliberated on the criteria adopted for the allocation of funds for SAAP 2016-17. The SHPSC suggested to consider the performance of the Mission

Cities in the earlier missions like JnNURM, UIDSSMT etc , and their financial capacity along with the service level gaps in the key sectors, population and area. The committee also expressed its apprehension on the timelines, sources and the quality of data considered for the sectoral gap analysis of the Mission Cities. Hence the SHPSC suggested to re validate the source, timeliness and accuracy of the data used for assessing the service level gaps.

The meeting was concluded at 5.30 PM


Principal Secretary
Local Self Government Department





Chairman (AMRUT-SHPSC)
& Chief Secretary