

**Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 12.30 pm in the Committee Room of the Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala.**

**Members Present:**

1. Shri. V J Kurian IAS, Additional Chief Secretary , Water Resources Department
2. Shri. T K Jose IAS, Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department
3. Shri. G. Kamalavardhana Rao IAS, Principal Secretary Finance ( Expenditure)
4. Dr. V K Baby IAS, Special Secretary, Local Self Government Department & Mission Director AMRUT
5. Sri. P S Mohammed Sagir IAS, Project Director, Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project & Nodal Officer, AMRUT
6. Shri. Ajit Patil IAS, MD, Kerala Water Authority
7. Dr. K Vasuki IAS, Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
8. Shri. K.S. Jayachandrakumar, Deputy Engineer, Local Self Government Department.
9. Shri. Raveendran T, Technical Member, Kerala Water Authority
10. Shri. Shaji Joseph, Chief Town Planner ( Planning)
11. Smt. M.B. Lethakumar, Deputy Secretary, Public Works Department
12. Shri. Binu Francis, Programme Officer, Kudumbashree Mission

The meeting of State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) of AMRUT chaired by Sri. S.M. Vijayanand IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, commenced at 12.30 pm.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> SHPSC meeting**

The SHPSC approved the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting held on 11.08.2016

**2. Action taken report on the decisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> SHPSC.**

**2.2 Role Clarity of implementing agencies.**

Regarding the decision that KWA has to constitute a Vertical which would be responsible for project implementation, status monitoring at regular interval & its accounting both in terms of time and cost over-runs, the MD proposed that instead of creating a vertical , the projects in the respective AMRUT ULB's shall be managed by the Superintending Engineers of that division. The implementation of the projects related to water supply shall be carried out by a composite team, with one person of the grade of Executive Engineer or Assistant Executive Engg from KWA and the rest of people would be contractual staff. Creating a separate division for implementing water supply projects under AMRUT would be difficult for KWA which is already facing shortage of staff.

MD, KWA said that specific people would be deployed at grass roots level with overall management done using the existing structure of KWA. It was informed that this arrangement was discussed at length with the ACS, Water Resources.

MD, KWA informed that like in Thiruvananthapuram, multiple divisions like JICA, JnNURM and the PH division to implement projects of Water Supply have faced problems due to the lack of coordination among each other. MD KWA said that this was one of the main reasons, why he's unable to answer question raised by the Principal Secretary, LGSD, on issues relating to JnNURM.

Principal Secretary informed that the projects under AMRUT are time bound with stricter schedules for completion within three years, unlike JnNURM or KSUDP's projects wherein there was a cushion for delays. Further in spite of having a dedicated team for projects under KSUDP and JnNURM, the projects got delayed. This cannot happen in AMRUT, since time period is defined clearly.

Principal Secretary informed that the decision taken in the earlier meeting was to have a vertical to ensure that there is one person from KWA, personally responsible, from a senior level; who will be able to account for the time & cost overruns and also manage the Consultant. As AMRUT projects dont allow for time or cost overruns, any such issues if they arise has to be borne by the State Government.

Principal Secretary also pointed out that in order to help KWA conceive, design and implement projects for the AMRUT ULB's the total fund allocation for the 2016-17 and 17-18 was provided. This way KWA would be able to plan projects for the total amount benefitting the ULB.

MD, KWA agreed to the necessity of a vertical and informed the committee that he would work out on a structure to implement the projects under AMRUT.

The Chairman directed the MD KWA to work out a structure and decide on the team by holding a discussion with the ACS water resources and the Principal Secretary, LSGD. Also , to put up a note regarding the constitution of high level committee to finalize the regulatory mechanism for KWA.

**Action by :** MD , KWA

**Time Limit :** 25.08.2016

**Monitoring By :** Principal Secretary, LSGD

### **2.3 Reforms to be initiated under AMRUT**

The Chairman enquired on the status of translating the reforms requirements in Malayalam to be distributed to the ULBs. Principal Secretary informed that the current translation need work and simplification. It was also decided that consultations should be held with experts form each domain while charting out the details.

**Action by :** SMMU, AMRUT

**Time Limit :** 30.08.2016

**Monitoring By :** Nodal Officer, AMRUT & Principal Secretary, LSGD

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### **Agenda No. 3 Approval of State Annual Action Plan ( SAAP ) 2016-17**

As decided in the 4<sup>th</sup> SHPSC, a meeting with the ULB representatives and KWA officials from the AMRUT cities were held at GCDA, Kochi on 16 August 2016. It was informed in the meeting that, projects in Water Supply and Sewerage be given maximum priority while proposing projects under SAAP 2016-17.

Principal Secretary LSGD, informed that the proposals of KWA were very ambiguous especially for Guruvayur, Thrissur and Alappuzha. KWA had proposed project to rejuvenate the existing 14.5 MLD plant at Peechi, during the process of which existing in Water Supply could be disrupted..

The Nodal Officer AMRUT informed the committee that there hasn't been any major changes in the projects proposed by KWA for the AMRUT ULBs except in Guruvayur and Alappuzha.

Principal Secretary (LSGD) suggested the option of building a new plant of equal capacity at Peechi, since land is available there. The Technical Member had informed then that, firming up a new plant can only be ascertained after visiting the site.

MD. KWA raised doubts if the addition of a new plant and enhancing the supply to 28 MLD would serve the needs to Thrissur Corporation. MD. KWA informed that, a larger project worth 220 Cr has been envisaged for Thrissur Corporation and adjoining 17 panchayaths to be posed to KIIFB. DPR preparation would be completed by this month and be submitted to funding from Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) for resources.

Principal Secretary, LSGD opined that going for a large project through loans would delay implementation for want of land and laying new pipeline. It was therefore suggested by the committee that KWA look at options of utilizing the readily available grant funds under AMRUT rather than availing a larger loan.

In order to identify the proposals in water supply sector for the AMRUT ULBs, the committee decided that a joint meeting be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 between Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources, Principal Secretary, LSGD , Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Mission Director & Nodal Officer.

The Mission Director informed the committee that the last date of submission of SAAP 2016-17 was 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. It was therefore decided to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> SHPSC on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 12 noon to review the prioritised projects under Water Supply sector.

**Action by:** MD, KWA

**Time Limit:** 25.08.2016

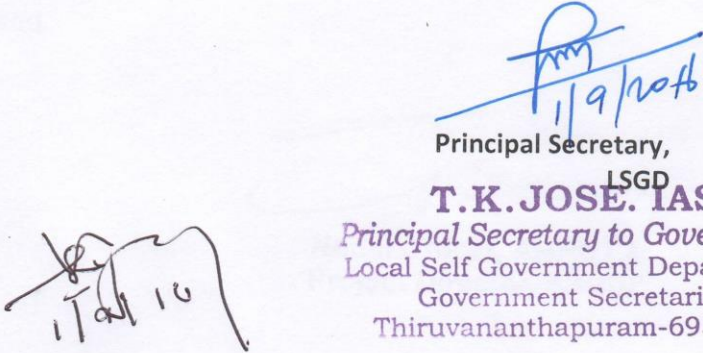
**Monitoring By :** Additional Chief Secretary , Water Resource Dept

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**Agenda No. 4 Administrative Sanction of DPR's of projects under SAAP 2015-15**

The SHPSC decided that all the projects to be mapped in a GIS platform along with expected outcome, impact and improvement in the service levels. Also the time line to complete each project has to be incorporated. It should be ensured that there is no duplication or overlap of work from previous projects of KSUDP, JnNURM or JICA. Hence the Chairman suggested to resubmit the projects after incorporating the suggestions made above.

The meeting concluded at 2.00 PM.



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