
Minutes of the 1st State Level Technical Committee of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) held on 28th January 2016 at 11.00 am in the Chamber of the Principal Secretary, LSGD Government of Kerala.

Members Present:

1. Sri. James Varghese IAS, Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department
2. Sri. APM Mohammed Hanish IAS, Secretary, Local Self Government (Urban Affairs) Department
3. Sri. Ajit Patil IAS, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority
4. Dr K Vasuki IAS, Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
5. Smt. R. Girija IAS, Project Director, Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project
6. Smt. B G Sreedevi, Director – NATPAC
7. Sri P R Saji Kumar, Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department
8. Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges)
9. Sri K Shajahan, Additional Secretary, Finance(Expenditure Department)
10. Smt Rachel Varghese, Additional Secretary, Revenue Department
11. Smt Girija K S, Town Planner, Government of Kerala
12. Sri Binu Francis, PO, Kudumbasree
13. Sri K S Abdul Saleem. PO (Monitoring), Suchitwa Mission

The Principal Secretary, LSGD and the Chairman of the State level Technical Committee (SLTC) AMRUT, welcomed the members of the SLTC and being the 1st SLTC, the key functions of SLTC was explained to the members. He then asked the Nodal Officer, AMRUT to give an introduction of AMRUT and its status in Kerala to the Committee members.

Nodal Officer (NO) detailed the status of AMRUT and emphasized the need for urgent action to implement the projects for the FY 2015-16 in a time bound manner.

The SLTC deliberated on the strategies for obtaining Technical Sanction (TS) on fast track for the AMRUT Projects both for the Current Financial Year (CFY) and the other projects sanctioned in the State Annual Action Plan (2015-16)

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1. To obtain technical sanction (TS) for the projects, after discussions the committee decided that the projects under each sector have to be vetted by the implementing departments and the Technical Sanction for the DPRs also has to be issued by the same department maintaining the norms of the department at the required level based on the estimate of the project. Following this, the SLTC will appraise and approve the projects, which is mandatory as per the AMRUT guidelines. All Technical approvals will be accorded by the State HPSC.
 2. The Chief Engineer, LSGD suggested that it is required to issue a GO on the Vetting and Technical Sanctioning by the implementing agencies. Nodal Officer, AMRUT suggested that the GO could be issued but not to wait for the same for this year's process, as time is limited for CFY's projects to be completed. The minutes will be circulated and the action may be taken based on that.

The committee advised the Nodal Officer to initiate steps to issue GO on vetting and technical sanctioning of DPRs by the implementing agencies. In the meantime the concerned departments will appraise the DPRs and issue TS . They may take action to tender the works pending technical approval.

3. The NO informed that the process for obtaining Administrative Sanction (AS) for the projects to be executed in 2015-16 is in progress and that the details have already been submitted to the Finance Department. She said that a copy of the AS would be given to KWA to facilitate the preparation of estimate and tender documents.

The committee decided to follow the existing system for obtaining the AS for the current year and suggested to seek the possibility of obtaining the AS through State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) to avoid time delay for the remaining projects.

4. The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority (MD, KWA) assured that the KWA would take up all the procedures until tendering of the projects under Water supply and Sewerage for the CFY to avoid delay and the appraisal by the SLTC could be done subsequently. The committee accepted the same.
5. MD, KWA shared his concerns on the role of KWA for the sectors Water Supply and Sewerage, in the implementation of AMRUT projects. He said that any information / circular that is received from MoUD regarding implementation of projects under AMRUT be shared with KWA so that they will not miss out on any such matters. He also commented that KWA could come out with a shelf of implementable projects based on priority.

The MD, KWA opined to transfer the allocated amount as per SAAP to the KWA for these two sectors so that all the activities related with the implementation, from bid processing till the completion and maintenance of the same, could be managed by KWA avoiding time delay due to multiple reporting and sanctioning issues etc. He expressed that there is lack of clarity with regard to the execution of projects once the PDMC is put in action. He also said that the roles of KWA and other agencies in the implementing system have to be defined clearly to avoid confusions and time delay.

6. The MD, KWA said that the prioritization of projects were done in the SLIP on urgency basis and was done decentralized as far as the KWA sectors (Water supply and sewerage) are concerned, hence the prioritization may not be on actual merit considering the project and the ULB's demand. He enquired regarding the possibility to cross check, rearrange and prioritize at least the remaining projects from 2016-17. Nodal Officer replied that if the request comes with proper justification the same could be put up to the MoUD. But as of now, the projects which are already included in the SLIP and SAAP cannot be changed according to the MoUD, Govt. of India.
7. MD, KWA offered to setup a Special wing at KWA for systematic planning & design, which will take up the implementation of projects under AMRUT. KWA also suggested that it could set up an AMRUT cell, and PDMC may give technical support for projects like 24/7 drinking water supply projects

In response to the MD's suggestion on execution of projects under Water supply and Sewerage sectors, the Chairman of SLTC said that the suggestions on Water supply sector may be accepted subject to the approval of SHPSC. Whereas, in the case of Sewerage sector, it has to be finalized in the SHPSC as the KWA doesn't have an exclusive department with sufficient experts in Sewerage sector.

The committee decided to recommend to the SHPSC that the KWA may be the implementing agency for Water Supply sector under AMRUT and to seek the SHPSC's suggestion in the case of Sewerage sector.

8. For special projects like procurement of motorboat, reconstruction of boat jetties etc, the technical expert from concerned department may be called as special invitee to the SLTC as and when required.

place, it may prepare the DPRs and tender documents and the approval process may be decided in the subsequent meeting of SLTC.

10. The Nodal Officer informed that the tender process has been initiated for the procurement of PDMC and upon the request of MD, KWA it is decided to extend the RFP submission date to 8th Feb 2016.
11. The committee recommended to execute a Tripartite / Composite Agreement, between the Government , Nodal Officer and ULB/ KWA/ Implementing agencies.
12. The Mission Director agreed to take necessary steps to convene the meeting of SHPSC to finalize on the role of various implementing agencies including KWA.

The meeting concluded at 12.45 PM


Nodal Officer
AMRUT


Mission Director
AMRUT


Chairman
State Level Technical Committee