

Minutes of the 2nd State Level Technical Committee of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) held on 19th April 2016 at 12.00 noon in the Chamber of the Secretary, LSG (Urban Affairs) Dept, Government of Kerala.

Members Present:

1. Sri. A.P.M Mohammed Hanish IAS, Secretary, LSG(Urban Affairs) Department
2. Sri. Ajit B Patil IAS, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority
3. Sri. K Remanan, Chief Town Planner
4. Dr. B G Sreedevi, Director, NATPAC
5. Sri P R Saji Kumar, Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department
6. Sri. Jeevaraj, Deputy Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads & Bridges)
7. Sri. George Mathew, Additional Secretary, Water Resources Department
8. Sri. T.K. Soman, Deputy Secretary, Finance(Expenditure) Department
9. Smt. Manju, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department
10. Sri .C. Varghese, Nodal Officer (i/c), AMRUT
11. Sri. Binu Francis, Programme Officer, Kudumbasree
12. Sri. K S Abdul Saleem, Programme Officer (Monitoring), Suchitwa Mission

The Secretary, LSGD(Urban Affairs) welcomed the members of the SLTC & detailed the current status of AMRUT projects in State Annual Action Plan 2015-16. He emphasized on the regular monitoring of AMRUT progress by MoUD and the urgency to speed up the implementation of AMRUT in Kerala.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 1ST SLTC

The committee approved the minutes of the 1st SLTC meeting and the committee took note of the Action taken after 1st SLTC as given below.

- a. Respective departments were directed to appraise the DPRs and issue Technical Sanction. Government Order G.O (Rt) No. 1230 /2016/LSGD dated 08.03.2016 was issued directing the departments to issue Technical Sanction.
- b. Administrative sanction has been accorded vide GONo. (Rt) No. 1329/2016/LSGD dtd 26.03.2016 and copy of the GO has been given to all the AMRUT ULBs and Line departments.

c. The role of Kerala Water Authority in AMRUT implementation was taken up in the State Level High Powered Steering Committee and the Committee has decided as follows.

- Projects related to Water Supply under AMRUT shall be completely handled by Kerala Water Authority, including its conceptualisation, designing, planning, implementation & monitoring.
- For projects related to Sewerage and Septage Management under AMRUT, the committee decided that KWA should constitute a dedicated team of experts to handle these projects who would be available throughout the implementation of the Sewerage projects.
- SHPSC decided that KWA should inform the Nodal Officer, the support personnel required from PDMC to assist them in both water supply and sewerage projects. It was decided that these PDMC experts shall be placed at KWA for their support.

2. TECHNICAL APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-16.

- a. The committee decided that for the projects that have been accorded Administrative and Technical Sanction, the respective departments namely KWA and LSGD, may initiate tendering process immediately. The model code of conduct in place due to the upcoming elections would not hinder the tendering process, but finalization of contract may be done only after the code of conduct is ~~revoked~~ *withdrawn*.
- b. The Technical Sanction of projects from Palakkad Municipality is pending with the LSGD Engineering wing and hence the committee entrusted the CE, LSGD to co-ordinate with the LSGD Engineering wing of Palakkad Municipality to expedite the process.

3. PREPARATION OF DPRs FOR PROJECTS COMMITTED IN SAAP 2015-16

Further to the approval of SAAP 2015-16, Central Share of Rs. 57.60 Cr has already been allotted to Kerala for AMRUT projects. The total cost of projects

that could be readily taken up is Rs. 115.20 Cr (including an equal amount of State share). But in the financial year 15-16, projects worth Rs. 34.39 Cr alone were proposed and DPRs were prepared for the same by the Mission cities. These projects have already been accorded AS and TS. Tendering for the same would be taken up immediately.

Based on the above deliberation, the Committee decided that, since there is delay in appointing PDMC, the respective ULBs shall go ahead with preparing the DPRs for select projects approved in SAAP 2015-16. DPRs of projects for Rs. 80.81 Cr. (Rs. 115.20 Cr less Rs. 34.39 in the context stated above) have to be urgently prepared to fully utilize the central allocation received.

Since 70% of projects come under Water Supply and Sewerage/Septage Sector, projects worth Rs. 56.56 Cr would be selected from the approved SAAP 2015-16 for the AMRUT cities by KWA to prepare DPRs. The remaining Rs. 24.25 Cr projects could be selected by the ULBs for the other sectors under AMRUT, namely Storm Water Drainage, Urban Transport and Green Spaces/Parks referring to the approved SAAP 2015-16. The proportion of the amount allocated to each ULB should be provided by the State Mission Management Unit immediately.

The DPRs for these projects should be made available by 20th May, 2016. The cost incurred for preparing the DPRs shall be met from the Administrative & Operational Expenses sanctioned under SAAP 2015-16.

4. UPDATION OF SERVICE LEVEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SLIP) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17

The committee decided to direct the Secretaries in Mission Cities to update SLIPs under AMRUT. KWA regional offices in these ULBs shall update the SLIPs with respect to Water Supply and Sewerage/ Septage Sectors.

It was observed that the updations in SLIPs require ULB Council consent which could be received once the model code of conduct due to assembly elections is ~~revoked~~. Therefore the committee decided that the SLIPs & SAAP for 2016-17 can be finalized only by 31st May, 2016 and the same has to be intimated in writing to MoUD.

Withdrawn

5. SELECTION OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS (PDMC)

- a. The committee requested MD, KWA to give a note on the support personnel required from the PDMC to implement the projects under AMRUT for Water Supply & Sewerage/Septage sector.
- b. To limit the expenses towards placing the PDMC with the permissible allocation under the approved SAAP 2015-16, it was decided that four regional offices of the PDMC would be enough to handle the projects under AMRUT. This would decrease the number of professionals required and also their cost. It was decided to have PDMC offices in the four regions as follows.
- Thiruvananthapuram & Kollam
 - Alappuzha & Ernakulam
 - Thrissur, Guruvayur & Palakkad
 - Kozhikode & Kannur.
- c. The committee decided to negotiate with the lowest bidder, namely WAPCOS-OASIS consortium. The negotiation process^{is} to be conducted by a sub-committee. The members in this Technical Negotiation Sub-committee chaired by the Secretary, LSGD (Urban Affairs) are as below;
- Sri. Rajagopal, Deputy Chief Engineer, KWA
 - Sri. Sajikumar, CE, LSGD
 - Sri. Jeevaraj, Deputy CE, PWD
 - Sri. T.K Soman, Additional Secretary, Finance

6. MD, KWA had proposed that since KWA was in-charge of implementing projects under water supply & sewerage/ septage sector with little support from PDMC, they may be allowed to give a proposal on covering their expenses for the consideration of the State. SLTC agreed to the same informing that the matter could be discussed at the next meeting of High Powered Steering Committee.

The meeting concluded at 1.00 PM.


22/4/16

Chairman
State Level Technical Committee