

## **MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (HLEC) OF REBUILD KERALA INITIATIVE (RKI) HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The meeting started at 2:30 PM with Chief Secretary in the chair. The Committee deliberated upon the agenda items one by one.

### **Agenda Item 1: Presentation of Action Taken Report on decisions of 18<sup>th</sup> HLEC Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

The RKI presented a report on the actions taken in response to the decisions of the 18<sup>th</sup> HLEC meeting.

### **Agenda Item 2: A review of RKI projects**

The RKI presented the status and issues of select projects that are being implemented by the Department of Local Self Government (LSGD), Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development (AHD&DDD), Department of Fisheries & Ports, Department of Agriculture & Family Welfare (DoAFW), Public Works Department (PWD) and Water Resources Department (WRD). The Committee noted the gap in the physical and financial progress, and the slow pace of implementation of select projects.

Regarding the projects implemented by CKCL and IKL, the Committee expressed displeasure on the ineffective project planning and management, slow pace of implementation, lack of adherence to committed timelines and cost estimations, and delay in securing necessary approvals. The Civil Engineer of CKCL mentioned that the Integrated Plastic Waste Management project was delayed due to local disputes and court hearing. Vendor non-performance and requirement for re-tendering were cited as reasons for delay in the operationalization of the District Level Sorting & Segregation Facility and Glass recycling facilities. The Chair also expressed displeasure over the delay in the procurement of the machinery. He also made his observations against non sourcing of the machinery from the GEM portal where the specs are available. The Project Manager of IKL reported that the delay in implementation in STP projects is due to cases filed in the High Court and pending structural scrutiny & fire NOC procedures which are expected to be completed by end of December 2022. The Chief Secretary directed the LSGD to submit details of court cases pending against sanitation projects, so

that Advocate General can be asked to take urgent actions for speedy disposal of the cases.

Regarding the 'Rebuild Kerala Initiative Entrepreneurship Development Programme (RKI EDP)' project being implemented by Kudumbashree, the Chief Secretary enquired about the reason for the delay in formation of the microenterprises. The Executive Director of Kudumbashree informed that the formation of all 16800 enterprises will be completed by March 2023. The Chief Secretary highlighted that the enterprise formation in each block should be based on market studies and demand assessment and could be linked to the one lakh MSME programme.

RKI highlighted the slow progress of the 'Pilot project of implementation of GIS mapping & RFID tagging in Pathanamthitta District' being implemented by Animal Husbandry department, against the earlier committed timeline of April 2022. The Chief Secretary enquired about the reasons for the delay and prospects of development of a dashboard with the data generated through project. The Director, AHD reported that dashboard and software development components are already a part of the project. The Chief Secretary noted the slow progress of the project and emphasized that achievement of results within a year of project commencement is important for generation of relevant data and timely planning of interventions. He mentioned that the dashboard and data analytics should be presented before the Committee in the next meeting.

The Chief Secretary enquired the reason for the slow progress of the Kerala Chicken project. The Director, AHD reported that the estimated cost in the DPR prepared by NABCONS for 7 plants is Rs. 43.32 Crores which exceeded the AS amount of Rs. 22.5 Crores. To meet the additional fund requirements, AHD will submit a request to NABARD for support under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). The Chief Secretary advised that, instead of considering RIDF support for each of the 7 plants, RKI funds of Rs 22.5 crores could have been utilized for establishment of a fewer number of plants, and RIDF funds, if received, could be used for the remaining plants so that work could commence in the meantime.

The Chief Secretary enquired about the reason for the delay in obtaining the CRZ clearance from Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority (KSCZMA) for Shiriya river training project. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department reported that the HED submitted the mathematical model study report vetted by IIT Madras by the end of October 2022, as directed by CRZ Committee.

He reported that the tenure of the current CRZ committee expired in October, and it is to be reconstituted. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department informed that works of Puthiyangadi project are in progress, after obtaining CRZ clearance. The Chief Secretary directed Environment department for reconstituting the CRZ committee and further expedite the CRZ clearance.

RKI briefly presented the status of agriculture projects being implemented by VFPC and KLDC. The Deputy Director of the Agriculture PPM Cell confirmed that the projects will be completed within the project deadline.

The Chief Secretary noted the slow pace of implementation of the PWD-KSTP projects. The Project Director-KSTP reported that various issues related to utility shifting, change of scope, land acquisition, inaccurate DPR estimates etc. are hampering project progress. The Chief Secretary directed Secretary PWD not to consider any new projects to be implemented through KSTP until the completion of the ongoing projects. Deputy CEO-RKI highlighted that the slow progress of KfW projects is a concern since the loan funding modality is reimbursement-based and the loan closure deadline is November 2024. The Chief Secretary directed PD-KSTP to resolve issues, ensure inter-Departmental coordination and expedite the completion of KSTP projects.

The CEO-KIIDC reported that the 5 Community Micro Irrigation projects are in progress; 3 projects are nearing completion and 2 newly approved projects will be completed by January 2023. Regarding the Room for River project, the Secretary WRD reported that the IIT Madras has submitted the final report and prioritization of the projects as per the report recommendations are in progress.

### **Decision Taken:**

1. Secretaries of the Departments which are implementing RKI projects shall review progress of the respective projects on a monthly basis to ensure timely resolution of issues to ensure timeliness. Secretaries and HoDs concerned shall be present in the HLEC meeting during the review of projects pertaining to their respective departments. **[Action: Secretaries of all Departments implementing RKI projects]**
2. Kudumbashree shall ensure that the RKI-EDP project is completed by March 2023. The scope of linking the project with the one lakh MSME programme shall be explored. **[Action: Executive Director, State Kudumbashree Mission]**

3. Kudumbashree shall ensure that market studies/assessments are undertaken to determine the micro-enterprises to be established under the RKI-EDP project. **[Action: Executive Director, State Kudumbashree Mission]**
4. CKCL shall expedite the physical and financial progress of all projects and sort out issues related to securing permits/approvals, land identification, and tendering delays at the earliest. **[Action: MD, CKCL]**
5. IMPACT Kerala shall expedite the physical and financial progress of all STP projects **[Action: MD - IMPACT Kerala]**
6. LSGD shall submit details of pending court cases related to sanitation projects, to the Chief Secretary's office so as to take up the matter with the Advocate General for expediting disposals. **[Action: ACS LSGD]**
7. AHD shall complete the 'Pilot project of implementation of GIS mapping & RFID tagging in Pathanamthitta District' by January 2023 and present the dashboard and data analytics developed as part of the project in the next HLEC meeting. **[Director, Animal Husbandry Department]**
8. The Environment Department shall expedite the procedures to reconstitute the CRZ Committee and expedite issuance of clearance for the Shiriya river training project. **[Action: Director Environment]**
9. PWD-KSTP shall expedite resolve issues and expedite project progress of all KSTP projects. **[Action: Secretary-PWD & Project Director - KSTP]**

**Agenda Item 3: Construction of underground sewerage network and allied components in division 54 of Kochi corporation – Newly constructed 5 MLD STP at Elamkulam (Rs. 63.91 Cr)**

The Committee was informed that KWA has submitted a project proposal for providing the underground sewerage network and allied components in division 54 of Kochi Corporation to make use of the full capacity of newly constructed 5 MLD STP (AMRUT project) at Elamkulam. The Technical member-KWA explained that, at present, the existing Sewerage Treatment Plant functioning at Elamkulam having capacity 4.50 MLD with 1184 house connections & network of 12 Km is being operated with 3.25 MLD only, and due to its old age, it is not functional. A new 5 MLD STP (project cost: Rs.16 crore) was constructed under AMRUT 1, which was commissioned in August 2022, and it is ready to work for

full capacity. In order to make use of the full capacity of this newly constructed plant of 5MLD, an additional network of 16.94km and allied components are required for bringing 1.75 MLD of sewage load from the nearby area in the Division No.54 (which is not covered at present) of Kochi Corporation. This project proposal includes the construction of 2 collection wells, pumping main and sewerage network of 16 Km for bringing the sewage load (from 2000 House connections) to the newly constructed STP. During the monthly review meeting held by the Chief Secretary on 23-08-2022 to discuss the matters related with the cases before the NGT Principal Bench, it was decided that the current project proposal may be considered under RKI funding.

KWA has submitted a detailed estimate for an amount of Rs. 63.91crores for the construction of 2 collection wells, pumping main and sewerage network of 16 Km for bringing the sewage load (from 2000 House connections) to the newly constructed STP.

The RKI – IC, in its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, considered the proposal & decided to recommend to the HLEC for issuing Administrative Sanction for the current project proposal at a cost of Rs.63.91 crores and directed that the plant is already completed under AMRUT project and hence the current proposal of providing an additional sewerage network of 16.94 kms to make use of the full capacity of this newly constructed plant of 5MLD may be considered under RKI subject to the condition that KWA adheres to the timelines.

The Chief Secretary enquired about the requirement of acquisition of land in this project and Superintendent Engineer-KWA reported that land acquisition is not required. The Chief Secretary directed KWA to appoint the SE-KWA as the Project Manager of this project for ensuring the adherence to proposed timeline of 18 months.

### **Decision Taken:**

1. The Committee approved the proposal for ‘Construction of underground sewerage network and allied components in division 54 of Kochi Corporation- Newly Constructed 5 MLD STP at Elamkulam’ at an estimated cost of Rs.63.91 crores, subject to the condition that KWA shall adhere to the timelines and subject to *approval* of the Council of Ministers .  
**[Action: CEO – RKI]**

2. The KWA shall appoint the SE-KWA as the Project Manager of the project to ensure timelines **[Action: MD- KWA]**

#### **Agenda Item 4: Robotic Surgery System at Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) and Malabar Cancer Centre (MCC) (Rs. 60 Cr)**

The Department of Health and Family Welfare submitted a proposal for Robotic Surgery System at Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre with the project cost of Rs.60.00 crore. The RKI-IC considered the proposal on 16-11-2022, and decided to recommend to the HLEC for issuing Administrative Sanction for the current project proposal at a cost of Rs.60.00 crore.

The project is to establish robotic surgeries for cancer care within RCC and MCC and to make it affordable for the public. The project aims to reduce the morbidity rates during cancer treatments using advanced robotic surgery system. The Chief Secretary enquired about the timeline for commencement of the Robotic surgery system and the Director RCC informed that both RCC and MCC will be able to start performing robotic surgeries within 6-7 months, after receiving the Administrative Sanction. The Chief Secretary also enquired about the infrastructure and the manpower required for setting up the robotic surgery at RCC and MCC. The Director, RCC informed the Committee that both institutions have infrastructure and manpower to perform robotic surgery. Principal Secretary, DoHFW also informed the committee that RCC and MCC can customize the infrastructure for setting up robotic surgery system, if needed.

#### **Decision Taken:**

1. The Committee recommended the proposal 'Robotic Surgery System at Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre' at an estimated cost of Rs.60 Crores to be placed before the Council of Ministers for approval. **[Action: CEO, RKI]**
2. The Committee directed the Department of HFW to ensure that RCC and MCC starts performing robotic surgeries at the earliest possible, and in any case, not later than 6 months from obtaining Administrative Sanction. **[Action: Secretary - DoHFW]**

#### **Agenda Item 5: Digital Pathology Centre of Excellence at Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) and Malabar Cancer Centre (MCC) (Rs. 18.87 crore)**

The Department of Health and Family Welfare submitted a proposal for Rs.18.87 crores for establishing Digital Pathology Centre of Excellence at Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre. The RKI-IC considered the proposal on 16-11-2022, and decided to recommend to the HLEC for issuing Administrative Sanction for the current project proposal at a cost of Rs.18.87 crore.

The proposal supports creating a hub and spoke model of pathological diagnostic facility with the pathology department of three apex cancer centres and to establish these three centres as centre of excellence, that are connected digitally and conventionally to 4 Regional Public laboratories for all districts. The three apex centers are RCC, MCC and Cochin Cancer and Research Centre. Director, MCC informed the Committee that the lack of proper diagnostic facilities is the major reason for the delayed treatment for cancer patient. The proposed project will help in creating digital images of the slides through the Regional Public Health Labs (RPHL) and enhance the quick diagnosis of cancer. CS enquired the reason for creating separate system in both RCC and MCC vis-à-vis integrating both within a single unit. Director, MCC informed that having two centers is required to manage the huge load of digital data since the data will be generated from all 4 RPHLs proposed in the proposal. He also shared that the RPHLs will be expanded to all 14 districts in the future.

### **Decision Taken:**

The Committee recommended the proposal 'Digital Pathology Centre of Excellence at Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre' at an estimated cost of Rs.18.87 Crores to be placed before the Council of Ministers for approval [**Action: CEO, RKI**]

### **Agenda Item 6: Resilient Kerala PforR – 2nd Biannual Implementation Progress Report**

The Committee was informed about the requirement of the submission of Biannual Progress Report to the donor agencies as per the requirements of the Resilient Kerala Program for Results (PforR). The Committee was informed that the RKI-IC in its meeting held on 20-10-2022 has accorded approval for the submission of 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Progress Report (for the period from 01-03-2022 to 31-08-2022)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Progress Report was placed before the HLEC for approval.

**Decision Taken:**

The Committee approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Progress Report for submission to the donor partners [**Action: CEO - RKI**]

**Agenda Item 7: Low Carbon and Resilient Development Pathways (LCRDP) for Kerala Technical Assistance from World Bank**

The Committee was informed about the Low Carbon Resilient Development Pathway Partners Meet happening in December. The Chief Secretary enquired about the specifics related to technical assistance related to the Low Carbon Resilient Development Pathway. The Committee was informed that LCRDP technical assistance is expected to be supported through a grant of 0.5 million USD.

The Committee took note of the same.

**Agenda Item 8: Resilient Kerala PforR – Status of achievement of Y1 targets**

The RKI presented before the Committee the status of achievement of results of the ongoing PforR program. The Committee was informed that the Y1 targets for all the DLIs except DLI1 & DLI7 have been achieved.

Regarding DLI1, the finalization of the DMP is currently in progress.

Regarding DLI7, the Committee was informed that a RBCMA Consultative workshop with stakeholder Departments was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to discuss the RBMCA bill, following which a workshop chaired by the Secretary WRD was conducted for the refinement and submission of the draft Bill on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Agenda Item 9: Resilient Kerala PforR – Detailed Action Plan (DAP) for DLI 6**

The Principal Secretary, DoHFW presented the Detailed Action Plan and tentative fund requirements for DLI6 to the committee. The estimated cost as per DAP for achieving the 2nd year target of DLI 2 is Rs.49.02 crore. The Principal Secretary, DoHFW explained the concept of One-Health and the integration of activities with multiple related Departments.

**Decision Taken:**



The Committee approved the activities and tentative fund estimates mentioned in the DAP submitted by DoHFW for achieving 2nd year target of DLI 6 of Resilient Kerala Program. DoHFW shall obtain financial sanction from the RKI, after obtaining approval of Council of Ministers, wherever necessary, for the performance of activities as part of the DAP.

#### **Agenda Item 10: Continuance of Project Management Support Services (PMSS) for RKI**

The RKI reported that the present PMSS for RKI is provided by M/s. KPMG after going through a competitive bidding process. The contract which started on 01-07-2020 was due to expire on 30-06-2022. As per the contract, the term of the PMSS will be for a period of 2 years, which can be extended by another 2 years, if required. The PMSS is very essential for the functioning of the RKI in view of the currently running RKI projects, present engagements like the Resilient Kerala PforR, Climate Loan Kerala from KfW and associated TA Grants etc., and the future engagements like the PforR Additional Financing, Kerala Economic Revival Programme (KERA Project), Low Carbon and Resilient Development Pathways etc.

The matter of availing continued support by an expert team was considered by the RKI-IC, in its meetings held on 11-05-2022 and 21-06-2022. The RKI-IC approved the new composition of PMSS with 15 members and recommended extension of PMSS for 2 years. The HLEC, in its meeting held on 11-07-2022, considered the necessity of continued PMSS support and approved the extension of term of the existing contract with M/s. KPMG for PMSS by 2 years w.e.f. 01-07-2022, with the team composition approved by the RKI-IC.

M/s. KPMG was directed to provide services of 7 resource persons at various positions as an extension of the present PMSS contract, till the expiry of three calendar months from 01-07-2022 or till the extension of the PMSS contract is formalized, whichever is earlier. The firm continued the deployment of 7 resource persons; the complete team could not be placed in that time-frame, and hence, the term has now been extended to another 3 months till 31-12-2022. Some of the key team resources have indicated that they are leaving the firm, hence the continuity of the resources, who are experienced in RKI methodology, also cannot be ensured

The matter was brought to the notice of the RKI-IC, in its meeting held on 16-11-2022, for issuing directions on whether the RKI may take steps to float a fresh RFP for the consultancy services for PMSS-2 through an open and competitive process, urgently, so that the new PMSS can be on-boarded soon upon the present team leaving the services. RKI-IC directed to proceed with the procurement of consultancy services for PMSS-2 through an open and competitive process, and entrusted CEO-RKI to take necessary steps towards the same

The matter was placed before the HLEC for approval.

### **Decision Taken:**

The Committee approved proceeding with the procurement of consultancy services for PMSS-2 through an open and competitive process, and entrusted CEO-RKI to take necessary steps towards the same.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 PM.

### **List of Participants**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>List of HLEC Members</b>		
1	Dr V.P Joy	Chief Secretary & Chairman, HLEC
2.	Sri Bishwanath Sinha	Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Dept.; CEO, RKI & Member, RKI- IC.
<b>List of Other Officials</b>		
1	Smt. Tinku Biswal	Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare
2	Sri. Pranab Jyothinath	Secretary WRD
3	Sri. Ajith Kumar	Secretary PWD
4	Sri Mohammed Y. Saafirulla,	Deputy CEO, RKI
5	Dr. A. Kowsigan	Director, Animal Husbandry Department
6	Sri. Jafar Malik	Executive Director, State Kudumbashree Mission

7	Sri. Pramoj Sankar	Project Director, PWD – KSTP
8	K Sunil Kumar	Additional Secretary, RKI
9	Smt Hiruneesa	Director, PPM Cell, Department of Agriculture
10	Sri. B. Harikumar	Deputy Director, PPM Cell, Department of Agriculture
11	Sri. Sreekumar G	Technical Member, KWA
12	Sri. Jayaprakash C	Chief Engineer, KWA-WASCON
13	Smt. Lissy K F	Chief Engineer, PWD – KSTP
14	Sri. Syam Gopal	Chief Engineer, Irrigation (Kuttanad Package & Inland Navigation)
15	Sri. Thilakan S	CEO-KIIDC
16	Sri T V Balakrishnan	Deputy Chief Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department
17	Sri Sreedevi P	Chief Engineer i/c, Irrigation & Administration
18	Sri.- Priyesh R	Chief Engineer i/c, IDR B
19	Dr. Rekha	Director, Regional Cancer Centre
20	Dr. Sateesh	Director, Malabar Cancer Centre
21	Sri. Jayachandran	Superintending Engineer, Sewerage Circle, Kochi
22	Smt Shruthy M L	Project Manager, IMPACT Kerala
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