

**MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EMPOWERED  
COMMITTEE (HLEC) OF REBUILD KERALA INITIATIVE (RKI) HELD ON  
FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021, THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The meeting started at 3.30 PM with the Chief Secretary in the chair. The Committee deliberated upon the agenda items one by one.

**Agenda Item 1: Presentation of Action Taken Report on previous HLEC decisions**

Summary of the actions taken in response to the decisions taken during the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HLEC held on 13/10/2020 as given under was presented before the Committee.

**1 Regular monitoring and review of RKI projects**

After the last HLEC meeting, the CEO, RKI had reviewed progress of the RKI projects with the Department Secretaries and implementation officers on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Committee was also informed that the CEO, RKI is addressing critical issues with the concerned Secretaries on a weekly basis. Moreover, regular meetings are held by the RKI team with the implementation officers of all projects to monitor and track the physical and financial progress.

**2 Irrigation Department - “Protection Work to Thottappally Pozhy mouth in Purakkad Gramapanchayat in Ambalappuzha**

As decided in the 11<sup>th</sup> HLEC, RKI had issued In principle sanction for Rs.14.70 Crore vide GO (Ms) No. 27/P&EA/2020, dated 05-11-2020, subject to condition that there will be no overlap in scope of study proposed by NIOT & IIT Chennai in the Pozhy mouth and also that it has to be scientifically validated before giving final approval for the construction of the groynes.

CE I&A & CE Kuttanad after discussions had verbally communicated to RKI that there is no overlap in the scope of the studies proposed at the Pozhy Mouth by NIOT (which is mainly confined to the ocean side) and that in the “Room for River Project” by IIT Chennai, which is confined to the river side. Subsequently on 29<sup>th</sup> January

2021, it was officially communicated by CE I&A that the study under this proposal is included in the scope of *Room for River Project* and the draft MoU to be signed between the Irrigation Department and IIT Madras is being vetted by the Government.

The Committee was informed that based on the findings of the study, the estimate needs to be reworked by the Irrigation Department and proposal needs to be submitted to RKI for issue of AS.

ACS, WRD replied that the MoU has already been approved by WRD by consulting with Law department. He stated that the study can start by signing the MoU and the implementation will start soon after the study.

ACS, WRD, also explained that to nullify the impacts due to the fishing harbour, Groynes must be constructed on the southern side of Thottapally Pozhy to avoid sand & silt deposition in future. He explained that in the study part, NIOT may conduct the hydro-dynamic study, decide the size, location and depth for the construction of protection work. ACS, WRD further stated that the study by IIT, Chennai for the "Room for River" Project is an independent work. ACS, WRD, reiterated that there is no need to link two studies in the above two projects and both are independent work for two different purposes.

The Chief Secretary observed that study is not yet started and this is very disappointing and engineers from Irrigation department have to give more importance to this project to avoid the perennial problem of deposition of sand, opening of mouth and sand removal, happening every year.

The Chief Secretary clarified that the "Room for River project"/concept is a comprehensive study planned for the entire Pampa Basin. Hence, he directed that separate study may be conducted exclusively for this project to ensure prevention of sand accumulation at the mouth of the Thottapally Pozhy. The Chief Secretary reiterated that it may be scientifically validated before giving final approval for the construction of the groynes.

The Chief secretary directed to complete the project expeditiously by conducting independent study for this work. CE I&A was directed to take this up on priority.

**Decisions taken:**

The Chief Engineer I&A shall take concerted efforts to complete the project expeditiously by conducting independent study for this work.

***[Action: ACS WRD; CE-Irrigation & Administration]***

**3 Fisheries Department: River Training works at various locations viz. (i) Puthiyangadi (Rs.28.60 crore), (ii) Shiriya (Rs.45.34 crore)**

The Chief Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department (HED), in his letter dated 31/12/2020, has informed that the CE, Irrigation Department has not yet offered their remarks on the proposal. Hence, HED suggested a detailed technical scrutiny and recommendation of the proposal by an Expert Committee, already constituted, with Secretary, Fisheries, as the Chairperson, for appraisal and monitoring of works, and for supporting the HED in preparing a comprehensive master plan for development of the coastal zone.

The Secretary, Fisheries, reported that she will be shortly convening the Expert Committee meeting and requested ACS, WRD to depute CE, IDRIB and CE, I&A to attend the meeting and vet the proposal.

The Chief Secretary desired that the ACS, WRD may fix a meeting for facilitating joint vetting of the proposal submitted by HED, in which the Secretary Fisheries and CE, HED will attend along with the Engineers of the Irrigation Department. Recommendations of the meeting may be submitted to the CEO RKI so that AS for the project may be issued after circulating the file to the CS.

**Decisions taken:**

- i. ACS, WRD to fix a meeting with the Secretary Fisheries and CE, HED along with the Engineers of the Irrigation Department for facilitating joint vetting of the proposal submitted by HED. Recommendations of the meeting shall be submitted to CEO RKI.
- ii. RKI to issue AS for the project after circulating the file to the CS, once the

views on the joint vetting is submitted by HED to RKI.

**[Action: ACS WRD; Secretary, Fisheries; CEO, RKI]**

#### **4. Issuing Administrative Sanctions to various projects approved in the previous HLEC meeting.**

The ATR also detailed the various Administrative Sanctions accorded for the following proposals from different departments:

(a) Enhancement of existing State Bio Control Laboratory at Mannuthy under Department of Agriculture vide G.O.(Rt)No.426/P&EA/2020 dated 09.11.2020 for Rs. 27.40 Crore. The APC reported that the project is in progress and will be completed by March 2021.

(b) DPR for reconstruction of 29 Anganwadi centers into SMART Anganwadis under Department of Women and Child Development vide G.O.(Rt.) No.425/2020/P&EA dated 09.11.2020 for Rs. 8.43 Crore,

(c) 21 LSGD Roads in various districts in the State of Kerala submitted by LSGD-PMU vide G.O. (Rt.) No.404/2020/P&EA dated 23.10.2020 for Rs. 40.00 Crore.

The ACS, LSGD informed that the tender opening for the 21 roads was conducted on 29.01.2021. For works of 5 roads, viable tenders were received. For works for 6 roads, single tenders were received, while no bids were received for works of the remaining 10 roads. The Tender Committee meeting is scheduled for 30.01.2021, and re-tenders will be issued, wherever applicable.

(d) Setting up of District level sorting and segregation facility & glass waste management unit at Thrissur, submitted by Clean Kerala Company Limited vide G.O. (Rt.) No.405/2020/P&EA dated 27/10/2020 for Rs. 2.26 Crore.

The RKI reported that the ACS, LSGD had earlier submitted to the Committee that as per the section 4(3) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, "All waste generators shall pay such user fee for solid waste management, as specified in the bye-laws of the local bodies". A policy is already in place, and the local bodies will be able to enforce this, once the policy is converted into a regulation. The

Committee noted that this matter does not come under the purview of the HLEC, and the LSGD may take the necessary actions as required.

(e) Revised AS was issued vide G.O. (Rt.) No.402 2020/P&EA dated 22.10.2020 for Rs. 5.95 Crore for the Airport - Shangumukham beach road. The Committee enquired about the current status of the project. The Secretary, PWD, reported that ULCCS is the contractor and that the project is progressing as per schedule, and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2021.

(f) Revised AS was issued vide G.O.(Rt.) No.406/2020/P&EA 27.10.2020 for Rs. 250 Crore for revised DPR submitted by State Kudumbashree Mission (SKM), with no additional amount for the appropriated project components.

It was reported to the Committee that a joint meeting was convened on 23.10.2020 by the CEO, RKI with the Secretary, AHD and the Executive Director, SKM, along with all stakeholders of the Kerala Chicken Project under AHD. It has been verified and documented that there is no overlap in the project components of the Kerala Chicken Projects, under SKM and AHD. In response to the Chief Secretary's enquiry about the progress of the projects being implemented by the SKM, the ED, SKM briefly reported the status, fund disbursement and expenditure. The Committee noted this and directed the CEO, RKI, to convene a joint meeting with ACS-LSGD, Secretary-AHD and ED-SKM to track the progress and expenditure of the projects which may be reported in the next HLEC.

The Chair also desired that RKI shall take appropriate actions and follow up to see that the projects approved under the RKI are implemented as per schedule.

**Decisions taken:**

- i. The HLEC directed the CEO, RKI, to convene a joint meeting with ACS, LSGD, Secretary, AHD and ED, SKM to track the progress and expenditure of the projects, which may be reported in the next HLEC.
- ii. Separate meetings may also be convened with the Secretary, SJD and Prl Secretary, Revenue to expedite the projects taken up by the respective

departments under RKI.

[Action: CEO, RKI]

#### **5. Department of Environment: DPR from Malabar Cements Ltd. to establish solid waste derived alternate fuel handling system in Rotary Kiln System**

The Committee was informed that the project was accorded in principle sanction vide G.O.(Ms)No.27/2020/P&EA dated 05/11/2020. MCL had reported that it is dropping the project since it will have to incur huge economic losses due to shutdown of the plant during the implementation period. Later, MCL further conveyed that DPR will be submitted by August 2021. The RKI requested HLEC's guidance on the next steps to be taken, whether the in-principle amount of Rs. 44.62 Crore shall continue to be set aside for the project or whether the same amount shall be utilized for other projects.

The CEO, RKI noted that this project was previously approved considering the positive impact on the environment. However, it would not be feasible to wait any longer. The Chief Secretary reiterated the same and expressed his displeasure about the way MCL has handled this matter. The Chair directed the RKI to withdraw the 'in principle' sanction for the project and communicate the HLEC's displeasure in this regard to the MCL.

#### **Decisions taken:**

The 'in principle' sanction for the project shall be withdrawn and the RKI shall utilize the funds for other appropriate projects.

[Action: CEO, RKI]

#### **6 Additional Items discussed:**

##### **i Updation of Expenditure details in the Plan Space**

The Committee was informed that the expenditure details are being updated on a regular basis in the PLANSPACE portal.

##### **ii Review of Fund Availability against total sanction**

The Committee was informed that, in line with the earlier directions of the HLEC, a bilateral meeting was conducted between the ACS, Finance and the ACS, P&EA to

ascertain the fund availability. Subsequently, this fund position has also been assessed during the RKI-IC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Efforts are being made towards facilitating speedy implementation of sanctioned projects, and the RKI MIS Tool would facilitate close monitoring of the status of project implementation and speedy resolution of issues and challenges which hinder the expedition of project implementation

**Agenda Item 2: Report on fund position of RKI vis-a-vis Administrative Sanction issued for projects under the RKI.**

A brief note on the fund position of RKI vis-a-vis the projects committed under RKI was presented for the perusal of the HLEC. The fund position was explained in detail by CEO, RKI to the HLEC. The Committee took note of the fund position and the AS issued by RKI till date and observed that Rs.7200.28 crore worth projects has been accorded AS against an expected fund availability of Rs. 9655.00 crore from all sources, viz., World Bank, AIIB, KfW, AFD, etc. and the corresponding State share.

**Agenda Item 3: Post Flood Repair & Maintenance Works of Irrigation Structures- Chalakkudy River Diversion Scheme (CRDS).**

Kerala State Irrigation Department had submitted proposal of Post Flood Repair and Maintenance of Chalakkudy River Diversion Scheme having project cost of Rs. 9.17 Crore. But the detailed estimate of only one project component, viz; "Restoration and protection works to the breached right bund of LBMC between ch:0/200km and ch:0/500km" having project cost of Rs. 5.64 Crore was provided by the department.

The proposed work is in the upstream side, close to the weir and hence is the most essential for the proper upkeep and maintenance of the canal system - Right bund of Left Branch Main Canal (LBMC) which ensure uninterrupted water supply and distribution. This project component is very essential with respect to the urgency related with irrigation and drinking water supply during summer season for drought management.

The matter was placed before the RKI-IC meeting held on 06/01/2021. The Committee also observed that this project falls under the priority sector and is aligned to the core principles of RKDP. The Committee considered the matter and recommended that it may be placed

before the HLEC for perusal and ratification.

The Chief Secretary was skeptical about the timely execution of this project within the time schedule to ensure utilization of fund from RKI. Hence, ACS, WRD, insisted that the department would commit and abide by the following action plan for the timely completion of the project. ACS, WRD will monitor this. Issue of TS on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Issue of Tender Notification on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021, Opening of Tender on 28/2/2021, providing minimum requirement of 21 days. ACS, WRD directed CE, I&A, to ensure that the Tender notice is advertised in all leading newspapers across South India. After having a detailed discussion, the Committee approved the proposal and directed the RKI to issue AS for the same.

**Decisions taken:**

i . The Committee approved the DPR of “CRDS-Restoration and protection works to the breached right bund of LBMC between ch:0/200km and ch:0/500km” (total amounting to Rs.5.64 crore) submitted by Kerala State Irrigation Department and directed the RKI to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

ii . Chief Engineer Irrigation & Administration shall scrupulously follow the implementation schedule as given below for the timely completion of the project.

Issue of TS on or before 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021,

Issue of Tender Notification on or before 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021,

Opening of Tender on 28/2/2021. ACS, WRD to monitor this.

iii Tender advertisement shall be published in leading newspapers across South India ensuring good coverage.

**[Action: ACS, WRD; CE I&A; CEO, RKI]**

**Agenda Item 4: Department of Environment: Project proposals of Kerala State Biodiversity Board - implementation – Revision of AS:**

Department of Environment had submitted three proposals - (i) Database of tradeable/commercially potential bio-resources – Redistribution of Rs. 1 Crore, (ii) Riverine Biodiversity Rejuvenation -Re-distribution of an amount of Rs. 2 Crore, (iii) Conservation of Agrobiodiversity - Re-distribution of an amount of Rs. 2 Crore. The AS was issued vide GO (Rt.) No. 507/2019/P&EA dated 02.12.2019 for Rs. 5.00 Crore. The department requested



for a revised AS due to the change in the mode of implementation and reallocation of funds for various activities in the revised implementation mode.

KSBB Member Secretary explained that buffer amount is earmarked for institutional overhead charges, which are primarily for capacity building activities including the project activities and monitoring at field level, in the revised implementation mode. These projects are being implemented by Biodiversity Monitoring Committee through participatory activities.

**Decisions taken:**

The HLEC directed RKI to issue revised Administrative Sanction for Rs.5.00 crore with the changed mode of implementation and the amount appropriated as per the revised proposal subject to the condition that no capital expenditure such as purchase of furniture or stationery items shall be incurred.

**[Action: CEO, RKI]**

**Agenda Item 5: Agriculture Department: Renovation of Manakodi Aryanpadavu Mainthodu in Arimboor Panchayath:**

The project involves eco-restoration of Manakodi Aryanpadavu in Arimboor Panchayat for protecting an area of 220 hectares, addressing acute water shortage towards commencement of paddy cultivation in Vettathoor Manakodi Kaippally Kolepadavu. APC expressed her concern on the timely completion of the project. Considering the views expressed by the APC the committee rejected the proposal.

**Agenda Item 6: DPRs received from PMU LSGD – 19 LSGD Roads in various districts in the State of Kerala:**

The PMU-LSGD had submitted DPRs of 19 roads (total amounting to Rs.42.32 Crore) of which 10 have already been recommended by the RKI-IC, and the remaining 9 ones are yet to be placed before the RKI-IC for scrutiny. The Principal Secretary, LSGD informed that the roads proposed were included in the list of roads under the first phase of “Reconstruction of flood damaged LSGD roads”, as per which a total of Rs. 488 Crore was accorded in-Principal approval vide G.O.(Ms.)25/2019/P&EA dated 13/08/2019.

**Decisions taken:**

The HLEC approved the DPRs of the 19 roads (total amounting to Rs.42.32 Crore) submitted by the PMU-LSGD and directed the RKI to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

[Action: CEO, RKI]

**Agenda Item 7: LSGD- Cost escalation in respect of 2 LSGD road projects under PMU- Revised estimates approved- ratification.**

The Committee was informed that, out of the 23 roads that were tendered (from the project of Rebuilding 25 LSG Roads in 4 districts viz., Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Thrissur which was issued Administrative Sanction vide G.O. (Rt.) No.224/2020/P&EA dated 26/05/2020 for an amount of Rs. 53.14 crore), for two roads, viz., (1) TV Puram-Theeradesha road and (2) Malakunnam-Kannathrappadi road, the lowest bids received were above estimates (Escalation from the estimated amounts of Rs.1.19 crore to Rs. 1.2711 crore and Rs. 3.50 crore to Rs. 3.8431 crore) and the total escalation to Rs. 0.4242 crore. It was also reported that the excess amount quoted by the L1 in the cases mentioned above is acceptable as per the stipulations prescribed in G.O.(P)No.54/2019/Fin dated 04/05/2019, and that the Tender Committee has recommended the L1 in both the works. It was further reported that the remaining 21 road works were tendered at a rate below the estimated amount, and hence there is a savings of approximately Rs.1.4 Crore.

As per the request of the PD, PMU-LSGD, in the context of urgency of starting the work, revised GO was issued from RKI vide G.O.(Rt)No.1/2021/P&EA dated 01/01/2021 for Rs. 3.8431 Crore and Rs. 1.2711 Crore respectively. The matter was placed before the RKI-IC meeting held on 06/01/2021. The Committee considered the matter and recommended that it may be placed before the HLEC for perusal and ratification. The Chair mentioned that ratification must be discouraged as a practice. The Chair directed CEO to examine the matter and take a call on the same.

**Decisions taken:**

The CEO RKI shall examine the matter and take an appropriate decision on the same.

[Action: CEO, RKI]

**Agenda Item 8: Revision of AS Amount to Reconstruction of Airport – Shanghumukham Beach Road (Phase – 1).**

The CEO, RKI informed the Committee that revised AS for Rs. 5.95 Crore was issued vide G.O.(Rt) No. 402 /2020 /P&EA dated 22.10.2020 for Phase – 2 based on the decision of 11th HLEC. Subsequently, the Department submitted a proposal for revision of AS for the Phase – 1, enhancing the total project cost to Rs. 8.052 Crore (Phase 1: Rs. 6.39 Crore and Phase 2: Rs. 1.662 Crore), based on the recommendation of the technical consultant, CRRRI. The RKI –IC examined the revised proposal and considering the current condition of the road and its importance as the major connectivity to the Airport, coupled with the fact that the work has already been delayed much, decided to recommend the HLEC for issuing revised Administrative Sanction for Rs. 8.052 Crore for the projects.

**Decisions taken:**

The HLEC considered the urgency in having approved the revised Administrative Sanction for the said work and ratified the action. The PWD shall expedite the works by closely monitoring the progress.

**[Action: Secretary, PWD]**

**Agenda Item 9: Revenue Dept - Reconstruction of 116 Village Offices (VOs) and other 2 Revenue Buildings (RBs).**

In-principle approval was given for an amount Rs.208.49 Crore for the reconstruction of a total number of 255 Village Offices & 41 other Revenue Buildings. The Department decided to roll out the project at the convenience of Hon. Chief Minister and other Ministers, and having considered the urgency of the matter, the RKI, with the approval of the Chief Secretary, issued AS for Reconstruction of 111 Village offices & 36 other Revenue Buildings at a total cost of Rs.128.27 Crore, as per GO(Rt.) No. 418/2020/P&EA dated 03/11/2020.

Further, the Revenue Department submitted the DPRs of 116 more Village Offices and 2 more Revenue Buildings from among the already approved list, for an estimated cost of Rs.57.51 Crore, and requested to issue AS for the same. The RKI-IC, in its meeting held on 06/01/2021, examined the proposal and the estimates thereof, and observed that in-principle sanction has already been issued, and therefore, decided to recommend the HLEC for directions to issue Administrative Sanction for the projects. HLEC observed that the revenue department has not spent the funds till date and requested Secretary Revenue

to expedite the matter. Revenue secretary also confirmed that the department would explore agencies other than PWD also for implementation.

**Decisions taken:**

- i The HLEC approved the DPRs and estimates of the 116 Village Offices and 2 Revenue Buildings and directed RKI to issue Administrative Sanction for the said works subject to the condition that the department shall explore possibility of engaging other accredited agencies in addition to the PWD and KESNIK.
- ii HLEC ratified the AS issued for the Reconstruction of 111 Village offices & 36 other Revenue Buildings at a total cost of Rs.128.27 Crore.

**[Action: CEO, RKI; Pri Secretary, Revenue]**

**Agenda Item 10: PWD- Reconstruction of PWD roads under KSTP – Request for Revision of AS issued to Koyilandi-Thamarassery-Mukkam-Areekode- Edavanna Road.**

As per GO (Rt.) No.235/2020/P&EA dated 29/05/2020, Administrative Sanction was accorded for the reconstruction of 21 flood damaged PWD roads at a cost of Rs.3346.09 Crore. Further, as per GO (Rt.) No.317/2020/P&EA dated 15/08/2020 for reconstruction of 7 flood damaged PWD roads at a cost of Rs.1101.79 Crore. Later, the Chief Engineer, KSTP informed RKI that w.r.t. one road viz. Koyilandi Thamarassery Mukkam Areekode Edavanna Road, the AS was issued erroneously at Rs.192 Crore against the estimate amount of Rs.225.68 Crore. Therefore, a revised AS need to be issued for the estimated amount. The CE, KSTP also reported to RKI that since the remaining works in the project were awarded at much lower rate, the present additional requirement of funds could be met from the substantial savings of around Rs.318 Crore.

The RKI-IC, in its meeting held on 06/01/2021, considered the matter and recommended to place the matter before the HLEC for approval of the proposal to issue revised AS to the work.

**Decisions taken:**

The HLEC considered the matter and directed the RKI to issue revised Administrative

Sanction to the said road work for an amount of Rs.225.68 Crore.

[Action: CEO, RKI]

**Agenda Item 11: Program for Results (PFR)- Engaging an Independent Verification Agency (IVA).**

The RKI CEO highlighted that the World Bank has mandated RKI to establish a credible independent verification system, such that the independent verification and assessments towards achievement of the agreed results are evaluated by an Independent Verification Agency (IVA). The establishment of an IVA is a pre-requisite for loan negotiations between the GoK and the World Bank, which is scheduled towards the end of February 2021.

The key highlights of engaging the IVA are as follows:

- The IVA should have prominent and demonstrable experience in the design and carrying out relevant targeted assessments and studies, impact assessments, implementation of verification protocols for results-based financing or similar approaches.
- The IVA will be contracted for 4 years.
- The approximate man-month requirement is 36 man-months for an 8-member team comprising the Team Leader, and specialists in (i) Public Finance Management, (ii) DRM/Climate Change Specialist, (iii) Institutional Development, (iv) Water Resources Management, (v) Health, (vi) Agriculture, and (vii) Transport.
- There shall be a minimum of 4 annual rounds of verification, starting in FY 2021-22. The verification shall measure and provide statistically representative estimates on the results achieved against DLIs. The final verification report will be
  - the basis for requesting World Bank and other funding agencies for release of funds.
  - Verification of the results and the progress towards the DLIs shall be a combination of desk review and field visits.

The RKI CEO highlighted that the matter was discussed with the RKI-IC Chairman. Considering the time constraints, it was suggested that the most appropriate course of action would be to reach out to reputed national-level public institutions which have a proven track record in the field of socio-economic research, and seek offers from them to

implement the action points and deliverables as per the ToR shared by the World Bank.

The RKI CEO added that a limited tender may be issued to select public institutions with strong credentials and experience in socio-economic research. A QCBS of 75:25 weightage for technical and financial proposals is suggested. This mode of procurement would save time while meeting the criteria of quality, transparency and public interest.

A list of 16 prospective agencies which could be engaged as IVA was presented to the committee. These included (i) IIM Bangalore, (ii) IIM Kozhikode, (iii) IIM Trichy, (iv) IIT Madras, (v) IIT Bombay, (vi) IISc Bangalore, (vii) ASCI Hyderabad, (viii) Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad, (ix) Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore, (x) Center for Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum, (xi) Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, (xii) Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, (xiii) Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research, Karnataka, (xiv) Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, (xv) Madras Institute of Development Studies, Tamil Nadu, and (xvi) Madras School of Economics.

The HLEC observed that, considering the time constraints, RKI may proceed with the suggested mode of procurement and the RFP may be issued. The HLEC also observed that some of the listed public institutes may not have the required credentials and capabilities to effectively play the role of an IVA; hence, the list may be revisited to include additional institutes of repute and proven capabilities. The HLEC also suggested that the credentials and experience of the bidders be assessed during the technical evaluation.

**Decisions taken:**

- i. Considering the time constraints, RKI may proceed with the suggested mode of procurement and the RFP may be issued.
- ii. Since some of the listed public institutes may not have the required credentials and capabilities to effectively play the role of an IVA; the list may be revisited to include additional institutes of repute and proven capabilities.
- iii. The credentials and experience of the bidders be assessed during the technical evaluation.

**[Action: CEO, RKI]**

## **Agenda Item 12: Demonstration of newly developed RKI MIS solution**

The RKI reported that the RKI MIS is now functional, presented its features and functionalities to the Committee through a short video demonstration. The Committee appreciated the design and functionalities of the RKI MIS and observed that the portal is feature-rich and has a user-friendly dashboard similar to the CM's 100 Days Programme dashboard. The Committee suggested that a demonstration of the RKI MIS may also be provided to the CM. The Committee observed that all the designated users must be instructed to regularly use the MIS and update project details, and that, going forward, high-level reviews of RKI projects may be conducted through the portal. Hence, it is important to ensure the regular updation, validation and review of project details. The Committee also observed that the IT Secretary's office may be closely involved in the collaboration with IIITM-K to ensure timely intervention from the IIITM-K towards the effective functioning of the portal. The HLEC suggested that the CM may be provided a demonstration of the RKI MIS.

### **Decisions taken:**

The implementing departments/agencies shall ensure regular updation, validation and review of project details on the MIS. Going forward, high level reviews of RKI projects shall be conducted only through the MIS portal.

**[Action: CEO, RKI; Secretaries of Implementing Departments]**

The meeting concluded at 5.30 PM with vote of thanks from the Chair.

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### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Dr. Vishwas Mehta	Chief Secretary
2.	Sri T.K. Jose	Addl. Chief Secretary, WRD

3.	Sri. R. K. Singh	Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Dept. & CEO, RKI
4.	Dr. Venu. V	Addl. Chief Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs
5.	Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan	Addl. Chief Secretary, LSGD
6.	Smt. Ishitha Roy	Principal Secretary, Agriculture & APC
7.	Sri. A Jayathilak	Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
8.	Sri Anand Singh	Secretary, PWD
9.	Smt. Tinku Biswal	Secretary, AHD & Fisheries Department
10.	Sri Pranab Jyothinath	Special Secretary, WRD
11.	Sri A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish	Secretary, Industries
12.	Sri Harikishore	ED, Suchitwa Mission & Director, Environment
13.	Smt. Raari Rajan	Special Secretary, Revenue Dept.
14.	Smt. Mrinmayi Joshi	Staff Officer to Chief Secretary
15.	Smt. Reney R. Pillai	Member Secretary, KSBB
16.	Sri. B.T.V Krishnan	Chief Engineer, Harbour Engg. Dept.
17.	Darlene D'Cruz	Chief Engineer, KSTP
18.	Sri. Alex Varghese	Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Admn.
19.	Sri. Ajith Ramachandran	Chief Engineer, Roads
20.	Sri. Vishnukumar G.	Project Director, PMU-LSGD
21.	Sri. K. Sunil Kumar	Joint Secretary, RKI
22.	Sri. Prasad Unnikrishnan	Programme Supervisor, PMSS, RKI
23.	Smt. Preetha Sreekumar	Programme leader, PMSS, RKI.