

MINUTES OF THE 20th MEETING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (HLEC) OF REBUILD KERALA INITIATIVE (RKI) HELD ON 14th July 2023 AT CHIEF SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE ROOM

The meeting started at 03.00 PM with the Chief Secretary in the chair.

After the introductory remarks of the Chair, the Deputy CEO, RKI presented the overall status of the Rebuild Kerala Programme. He informed the committee that the RKI had successfully implemented the DPO 1 with a rating '*satisfactory*' from the World Bank. He also reported that under the current PforR programme, the first-year target of 8 out of 9 DLIs have been completed, and the amount has been disbursed by the World Bank. The committee congratulated the RKI for the achievements.

The Committee deliberated upon the agenda items one by one:

Agenda Item 1: Action Taken Report on decisions of 19th Meeting of HLEC held on 18th November 2022

The RKI presented report on the actions taken in response to the decisions of the previous HLEC meeting. The committee took note of the same.

Agenda Item 2: RKI Projects & PforR DLIs-status, issues & way forward

The RKI presented the status of projects that are being implemented by the departments (Forest and Wildlife, Revenue, Women and Child, Health and Family Welfare, Local Self Government, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development, Fisheries & Ports, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Public Works, Water Resources, Electronics & IT).

The Committee reviewed the financial and physical progress of projects and was satisfied with the overall progress of the work. However, the Chairman expressed concern over the slow progress of the post-flood projects being implemented by the Water Resources Department. The Chairman also directed the Water Resources Department to closely monitor for the completion of the project without further delay.

The RKI presented the status of 9 DLIs implemented by various Departments. RKI informed that out of the 5 targets of the 2nd year for the DLIs, 3 have been achieved. Verification process has been initiated, subsequent to which the disbursement claim would be submitted to the World Bank.

Agenda Item 3: Pilot project of implementation of GIS Mapping & RFID tagging in Pathanamthitta district - Demonstration of the dashboard and data analytics

The Department of Animal Husbandry demonstrated the dashboard and analytics on GIS Mapping & RFID tagging piloted in the Pathanamthitta district.

Agenda Item 4: PROJECT PROPOSAL: Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Dept.-Re inclusion of the components Kaipad Research and Development Centre at Kaipad tract in Kannur

The DoA presented a revised proposal for setting up of a Research and Development Centre, sanction of which was withdrawn by the RKI due to the inordinate delay which occurred in identifying suitable land. Now, suitable land has been identified and made available to the project. The cost for the centre has been estimated at Rs. 4.93Cr, based on the DSR 2018 and incorporating the provision for GST at 18%, as per the directions of RKI Implementation Committee dated 29th May 2023.

The Department of Agriculture also informed that the project work has been started as a PPP model. The Department of Agriculture also informed that the R&D Centre has already started functioning in a rented building.

Decision Taken:

The Committee approved the proposal for re-inclusion of the component of Kaipad Research and Development Centre with a revised amount of Rs.4.93 Crore. [Action: RKI]

Agenda Item 5: PROJECT PROPOSAL: WRD-Irrigation-Construction of new LI Scheme at U/S of Pathalam Regulator cum Bridge to Edayattuchal padasekharam in Kadungallur Grama Panchayath

The Irrigation Department (WRD) presented the proposal for a new LI scheme at U/S of Pathalam Regulator cum Bridge to Edayattuchal padasekharam in Kadungallur Grama Panchayath. The project is to implement a new lift irrigation system with construction of a pump house on the bank of river Periyar, Kadungallur Gramapanchayath, Aluva, Ernakulam just upstream of Pathalam Regulator Cum Bridge at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.8Cr. The project aims to improve agricultural production and drinking water availability in the surrounding area. The project is proposed to be completed within a period of 18 months.

The RKI IC in its meeting held on 29th May 2023 considered the proposal and recommended it to HLEC for approval.

Decision Taken:

The Committee recommended the proposal for the consideration and approval of the Council of Ministers. [Action: RKI]

Agenda Item 6: PROJECT PROPOSAL: PWD/KSTP-Reconstruction of Mannanam bridge

The Public Work Department (PWD) presented the proposal for the reconstruction of a bridge (Mannanam) across the Pennar Thodu. Reconstruction of the bridge was proposed to be taken up under the road project viz a viz Rehabilitation and Upgradation of Gandhinagar – Vedagiri road. But the original scope has to be substantially changed as the bridge has to be redesigned as per IWAI standards. Accordingly, the length of the bridge proposed has increased to 80m with pile foundation having approach slab, approach road and service road. The revised project cost is estimated at Rs 24.83 Cr.

The RKI – IC in its meeting held on 29 th May 2023 considered the proposal and recommended the same to the HLEC subject to fund availability.

The project Bhramapuram Bridge across Kadamprayar proposed to be taken up under RKI, at an estimated cost of Rs.23.2 crore has been dropped by the

PWD citing non-viability. The amount can be appropriated for the reconstruction of Mannanam bridge.

Decision Taken:

The Committee recommended the proposal for the consideration and approval of the Council of Ministers. The project Bhramapuram Bridge across Kadamprayar shall be dropped due to non- viability [Action: RKI]

The meeting concluded at 4:00 PM.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Sl No	Name	Designation
1.	Dr.Venu V	Chief Secretary
2.	Smt. Sarada Muraleedharan	Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD
3.	Shri. Puneet Kumar	Additional Chief Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department
4.	Shri. K R Jyothilal	Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Wildlife & Power Department
5.	Smt. Tinku Biswal	Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
6.	Shri. K S Srinivas	Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department
7.	Shri. Sanjay M Kaul	Secretary, Finance Department & CEO, RKI
8.	Shri. K Biju	Secretary, PWD
9.	Shri. Ashok Kumar	Secretary, WRD
10.	Shri. TKA Nair	Member HLEC
11.	Shri. K M Chandrasekhar	Member HLEC
12.	Shri. Perem Krishnan S	Project Director, KSTP
13.	Shri. Seeram Sambasivarao	Director, Survey & Land Records
14.	Dr. A Kowsigan	Director, Animal Husbandry Department
15.	Smt. Bhandari Swagat Ranveerchand	Managing Director, KWA
16.	Smt. Darlene Carmelita Dcruz	Chief Engineer, KSTP
17.	Shri. Vishnu Kumar	Project Director, PMU-RKI-LSGD
18.	Shri. G K Suresh Kumar	Managing Director, CKCL