

Minutes of the 1st High Level Project Steering Committee for Kerala Solid Waste Management Project held on 02.11.2021 at 02:30 pm under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala

Present: Shri.V.P.Joy IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala

The meeting (online) started at 02:30 pm. Chief Secretary chaired the meeting, The following officers were present

1. Smt.T.N Seema, Executive Vice Chairperson, Haritha Keralam Mission
2. Shri.Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)
3. Smt.Sarada Muraleedharan, Additional Chief Secretary (LSGD)
4. Shri.Dr.Venu V IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Env't)
5. Shri.Bishwanath Sinha IAS, Principal Secretary, LSGD-Urban(KSWMP & W to E Programme)
6. Shri.Mir Mohammed Ali IAS, Project Director, KSWMP & ED, Suchitwa Mission
7. Dr.Renu Raj IAS, Director of Urban Affairs
8. Shri.H.Dinesan IAS, Director of Panchayats
9. Shri.Sreekumar T.L, Assistant Director, Decentralised Planning Division, Planning Board.
10. Shri. Jahamgeer, Programme Officer (Urban), Kudumbashree

Shri.Bishwanath Sinha IAS, Principal Secretary, LSGD (Urban) welcomed Chief Secretary and steering committee members. The Principal Secretary briefly explained the current status of World Bank-AIIB assisted Kerala Solid Waste Management Project. It was informed that even though the Project has been approved by the World Bank Board in February 2021, the Project Agreement has not been signed between the World Bank, DEA and the State Government as one of the mandatory activity to be completed prior to the execution of agreement is the selection of Project Management Consultancy (PMC), which is at the final stage. The project signing can happen in December 2021.

Shri. Mir Mohammed Ali IAS, Project Director, KSWMP did a detailed presentation on the agenda items.

Agenda 1: Brief Introduction about Kerala Solid Waste Management Project

The Project Director explained in detail about the objective and geographical coverage of the Project. The Project Director informed that the total outlay of the Project is 300 million USD of which 105 million USD is World Bank share and 105 million USD is AIIB share and the remaining 90 million USD is State share and the lead agency will be the World Bank only and AIIB doesn't have any role in the implementation of the Project. The Project Director explained in detail about the components of the Project and emphasised the

importance of the third component which is the development of regional solid waste management facilities which has to be done at the State level.

The Project Director also explained in detail about the status of actions to be completed as agreed with the World Bank in their last mission meeting held during 6-10 September 2021. With respect to the status of hiring Project Management Consultancy, the Project Director informed that the agency has been finalised and the remaining procedures will be completed very soon and informed that the procurement of Technical Support Consultants (TSCs) will be completed at the earliest.

Decision taken: The Committee took note of the actions briefed by the Project Director and directed to move ahead with the execution of Project Agreement.

Agenda 2.1: Identification and Procurement of land for SWM facilities

The Project Director informed the Committee that for identifying and procuring land for SWM facilities, Government order is already received on the formation of the Committee as requested in Agenda 2.1 and therefore no action is required..

Agenda 2.2 : Transfer of 25 acres of land owned by KINFRA at Ambalamedu (Kochi) for the construction of Regional Sanitary Landfill

The Project Director informed that the agenda pertains to the land identified for the construction of Regional Sanitary Landfill under KSWMP. Currently the land is owned by KINFRA. KINFRA purchased the land with the assistance of a loan taken from KIIFB. The value of 25 acres of land @ Rs. 18471700/acre is to be paid by KINFRA to KIIFB within 4 years along with interest. The Project Director requested sanction to take over the land at a mutually agreed amount from KINFRA for constructing Regional Sanitary Landfill charging the cost of land to the state share of the KSWMP.

Decision taken: The proposal was agreed by the Committee and entrusted the newly constituted Committee as per G.O (Rt) No.2158/2021/LSGD dated.01.11.2021 for discussing with KINFRA and KIIFB to formulate the terms of transfer of land.

Agenda 2.3-Transfer of 25 acres land from the 100 acres of Revenue land in Madikkai and Pudukkai Village in Kasaragod district for the construction of Regional Sanitary Landfill

The ACS (LSGD) informed that this matter is under the consideration of the Hon.Minister for Industries.It is understood that the Industries Department have no objection in the matter.Formal communication from the Industries Department will be received very soon.

Decision taken: The Committee took note of the information shared by the ACS(LSGD) and agreed to move ahead with the proposal suggested by the Project Director

Agenda 3- Review of Financial Management of KSWMP

The Project Director explained in detail regarding the financial arrangements of the Project. It was informed that an allocation of 100 cr is earmarked in the budget for FY 2021-22. An amount of 92 lakh have been received so far for meeting the administrative expenses and an amount of Rs.25 crore is requested from Government for meeting the preparatory activities of the Project.

Agenda 3.1-Approval of expenditure incurred for the period from 30.09.2020 to 27.10.2021

The Project Director informed that currently the State Project Management Unit proactively identified three pilot ULBs for implementing the Project even before signing the project agreement and solid waste management plan is under preparation at Thiruvananthapuram, Thalasserry and Kattappana and the Project is moving ahead to achieve its target. The Chair appreciated the progress achieved by the Project and directed to accelerate the activities for achieving the targets within the stipulated timelines.

Decision taken:

The Committee approved the expenditure incurred for the period from 30.09.2020 to 27.10.2021

Agenda 3.2-Approval of forecast of expenditure for the period from 28.10.2021 to 31.03.2022

The Project Director informed that for the period from 28.10.2021 to 31.03.2022, the Project have forecasted an amount of Rs.76.11 crore which includes the projected expenditure for all 3 components including grants to ULBs. It was also informed that apart from 3 pilot ULBs, the ULBs selected to be included in the first phase are Municipal Corporations and another 14 ULBs selected based on the status of achievement of Suchitwa Padavi rating conducted by LSGD.

The Chair expressed concern in paying a huge amount of consultancy charges to PMC and TSC which is shown as a major item of expenditure. The Chair opined that the payment should be based on the actual delivery of services. The Project Director explained in detail regarding the duties and responsibilities of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) and Technical Support Consultants (TSCs) and informed that the consultants are taken on a time based contract as per the approved Project Information Manuel (PIM). It was ensured that the Project will issue monthly and quarterly targets to the Consultancy services and closely

monitor the achievements. Also, the actual delivery of services are closely monitored by World Bank too.

The Chair directed to submit the timelines of completion of each activity under various components of the Project for reviewing in the next Committee and instructed to make the payments to Consultants conditioned upon achieving the milestones.

Agenda 3.3- The Committee approved the forecast of expenditure for the period from 28.10.2021 to 31.03.2022 on condition that the detailed timelines of each activity under various components of the Project will be presented in the next Committee.

The Committee ended by 03:00 pm.

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Dr.V P JOY IAS
Chairman