

Minutes of the Meeting convened by Hon'ble Minister LSGD to discuss the matter related to Ayyankuzhi Land for Sanitary Landfill

Date: 04 March 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Venue: Hon. Minister's Chamber

	List of Participants
1	Smt.Anupama T.V. IAS, Secretary, LSGD
2	Smt.Divya S. Iyer IAS, Project Director, Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP)
3	Dr.K.Harikumar IAS, Deputy Project Director, KSWMP
4	Dr.Binu Francis IAS, Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission
5	Sri.Muhammed Huwaiz M., Joint Director (SWAG CELL), LSGD
6	Sri. J.Jayakumar, Urban Sanitation and Technical Expert, KSWMP
7	Solid Waste Management Engineer, KSWMP

The meeting was convened by Hon'ble Minister for LSGD to deliberate on the proposal for purchase of land at Ayyankuzhi, Ernakulam, for the development of waste management facilities.

The Secretary, LSGD briefed the participants regarding the details of the Ayyankuzhi site and the adjacent land owned by Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL). It was informed that the Ayyankuzhi land measures approximately 9.5 acres and is privately owned, with the landowners expressing willingness to sell the property. The nearby HOCL land measures approximately 9 acres; however, its transfer would be subject to approval by the HOCL Board.

The necessity of establishing a landfill facility at Ernakulam was discussed, particularly for scientific management of inert waste

generated from Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and residual waste from the proposed Waste-to-Energy plant at Ernakulam. It was observed that securing land for landfill development is essential for ensuring sustainable waste management in the region.

It was further discussed that both the Ayyankuzhi land and the HOCL land, if made available, can be utilised for setting up a landfill as part of Phase II of the Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP), subject to project planning and approvals. Even if the Phase II is not taken up, the landfill needs to be developed mandatorily for Waste to Energy (WtE) Plant either in PPP model or using funds from the Local bodies, Government or any other fund decided by the Government. Further, setting up landfill is mandatory under Solid waste management rules.

The meeting also noted that the cost of procurement of the Ayyankuzhi land would be met entirely using Government funds and not from World Bank assistance. In view of the willingness of the private landowners, the Government may initiate necessary steps for purchase/acquisition of the Ayyankuzhi land for establishment of landfill under KSWMP or the landfill necessary for the proposed WtE and/or other waste management facilities, as required.

It was also noted that, although Government Orders had been issued for negotiated purchase of the land, no land has been procured so far. Therefore, the land could be acquired through the appropriate procedures in accordance with prevailing Government norms.

Decision:

1.The Hon'ble Minister directed that steps may be initiated to get necessary orders issued to initiate the process for acquisition of the Ayyankuzhi land and HOCL land for development of landfill and related waste management facilities.

2.The primary objective will be to utilise the land for landfill under KSWMP, but even if it fails, the land will be developed for WtE landfill.

PD, KSWMP and ED, Suchitwa Mission shall take appropriate steps in this regard.

3.PD, KSWMP shall initiate discussions with District Collector and land owners to propose the appropriate method of acquisition-either negotiated purchase or under LARR act.

The meeting concluded at 6.50 PM.

M B RAJESH
MINISTER