



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - PMGSY-III - Empanelling National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC) for conducting Road Safety Audit for road length under PMGSY-III - Sanction accorded - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DD) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2136/2021/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29/10/2021

- Read: 1. Letter no: P017 (12)/1/2015 -JD(Tech) dated 06/10/2020 from Director (P-II &ADB), NRIDA
2. Letters No. 3413/B/2019/KSRRDA dated, 08.10.2021 & 11.10.2021 from the CE, KSRRDA

ORDER

The PMGSY-III program guidelines specify that safety aspects have to be an integral part of road design as per the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, the work is to be audited during design stage, construction stage, pre-opening/existing stage of the project. KSRRDA is allowed to empanel independent consultants/Road Safety Auditors (RSA) for this. The Audit has to be undertaken by the accredited auditors listed on the NRIDA website.

2. Kerala was allotted for 1425 kms under PMGSY-III Scheme. Out of which sanction was obtained for Batch-I, 2020-2021 for 104.563 kms. The

Road Safety audit was not insisted by NRIDA at that time and hence no amount was included in the project proposal. Later NRIDA issued detailed directions vide letter read as 1st paper above and made mandatory provision in the OMMAS for uploading the RSA. In the meanwhile, sanction was obtained for 567.79 kms in 2021-2022. For this, an amount Rs.17000/km for Road Safety Audit is included in the cleared proposal approved by NRIDA.

3. At this instance, the authorities of KSRRDA made discussion with National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC), an institution under Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE). They have maximum number of Road Safety Auditors in the State empanelled by the NRIDA. NATPAC has given the willingness to undertake the Road Safety Audit, fulfilling the direction issued by the NRIDA. The CE, KSRRDA has reported, vide letter read as 2nd paper above, that the submitted proposed cost break-up of NATPAC reveals that the quoted amount is within the amount cleared by Government of India for PMGSY-III, Batch-I, 2021-2022. In the circumstances, the Chief Engineer, KSRRDA has requested to approve the proposal of NATPAC for conducting the Road Safety Audit for road length under PMGSY-III for Kerala and other ongoing works as per necessity.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail. NATPAC has reportedly the maximum number of Road Safety Auditors in the State empanelled by the NRIDA and the amount the quoted by them is within the amount cleared by Government of India. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accord sanction for empanelling the National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC) for conducting the Road Safety Audit for road length under PMGSY-III for Kerala and other ongoing works as per necessity.

(By order of the Governor)

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Deputy Secretary

To:The Chief Engineer, KSRRDA,Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala,Thiruvananthapuram

The Accountant General (E&RSA), Kerala, Tvpm

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✓The Director, Information Kerala Mission, Thiruvananthapuram

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