



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

LSGD - Appointment of the Planner Consultant for the preparation of GIS - based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns and the engagement of two Planner Associates to assist the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) and AMRUT with tasks related to the formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns - Sanction accorded - orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.64/2025/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07-01-2025

Read 1 GO(Rt) No.384/2017/LSGD dated 10.02.2017.

2 Minutes of 9th State Level High Powered Steering Committee of AMRUT held on 02.08.2024 (agenda item No. 9.8.1)

3 Letter No.SMMU/275/2022CB-ISE dated 23.08.2024 of the Mission Director, AMRUT

ORDER

Master Plans of 49 towns in the State, under the 'Scheme of Formulation of GIS based Master Plans for Class II towns under AMRUT 2.0', are being prepared through outsourcing as salary & wage components, furniture & fixtures, hardware & software, recurring expenses etc. are not permissible. To support Local Self Government Planning Department in functioning as the State Nodal Agency, a new State Plan Scheme was introduced in the State Budget 2023-24 as "Support Scheme for Formulation of GIS based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns" and Rs 30 lakhs was allocated as budget outlay during 2023-24. This included payment of fees for setting up of a Scheme Implementation Unit by engaging professionals like Planner Consultant, Planner Associate, Planning Assistant and a Clerk cum Accountant, expenses in connection with convening CERC meetings, other review meetings, purchase of Computers, peripherals etc, fees for consultants on 'on-call' basis, expenses of district offices, stationery, site visits etc. The Budget Outlay for the Scheme for 2024-25 is only Rs 8 lakhs.

2. As the funds under the State Plan Scheme of "Support Scheme for Formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns" are

insufficient to hire professionals on a contract basis, the Chief Town Planner (Planning) has requested the recruitment of one Planner consultant and two Planner Associates.

3. Based on the request of Chief Town Planner and recommendation of 12th SLTC of AMRUT, as per the minutes read as 2nd paper above, 9th State Level High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) of AMRUT has approved the appointment of Sri Prasant H, retired Chief Town Planner (Planning), as the Planner Consultant for the preparation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns subject to the condition that:

- i. appointment will be on a contract basis for one year and will be extended based on the performance of the incumbent and requirement of the Mission.
- ii. The consolidated monthly salary shall be Rs. 51,600/- as per G.O read as 1st paper above.

4. The Committee has also approved the engagement of two Planner Associates with Post Graduate Degree in Town and Country Planning or a related field under the 'Young Professionals Programme.' subject to the condition that

- i. the consolidated monthly salary shall be Rs. 35,000/-
- ii. the appointment will be on a contract basis for one year and will be extended based on the performance of the incumbents and requirement of the Mission.
- iii. These Planner Associates will assist the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) and AMRUT with tasks related to the formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns.

5. The Committee has directed to initiate the processes related to consultant selection such as preparing and finalizing RFP documents, preparing the Bid Evaluation Report, conducting a three-stage evaluation of applicants based on the notified criteria, negotiating with the selected bidder, verifying documents, and awarding the contract shall be managed by the Planner Consultant and the two Planner Associates and the CTP office under the supervision of the Mission Director, AMRUT. The Committee has also decided that the remuneration for the Planner Consultant and Planner Associates shall be covered by the funds allocated under the State Plan Scheme "Support Scheme for Formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns." Any excess requirement shall be met from the A&OE fund of AMRUT 2.0. As per the letter read as 3rd paper above, Mission Director, AMRUT has requested to accord sanction based on the above decisions of SHPSC

6. Government have examined the matter and are pleased to accord sanction for the appointment of Sri Prasant H, retired Chief Town Planner (Planning), as a Planner Consultant for the preparation of GIS-

based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns, subject to the following conditions;

- i. appointment will be on a contract basis for one year and will be extended based on the performance of the incumbent and requirement of the Mission.
- ii. The consolidated monthly salary shall be Rs. 51,600/- ,as per G.O read as 1st paper above

7. Sanction is also accorded to engage two Planner Associates with Post Graduate Degree in Town and Country Planning or a related field under the 'Young Professionals Programme.' subject to the condition that;

- i. the consolidated monthly salary shall be Rs. 35,000/-
- ii. the appointment will be on a contract basis for one year and will be extended based on the performance of the incumbents and requirement of the Mission.
- iii. These Planner Associates shall assist the State Level Nodal Agency (SLNA) and AMRUT with tasks related to the formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns.

8. The processes related to consultant selection such as preparing and finalizing RFP documents, preparing the Bid Evaluation Report, conducting a three-stage evaluation of applicants based on the notified criteria, negotiating with the selected bidder, verifying documents shall be initiated, subject to the condition that awarding the contract shall be managed by the Planner Consultant and the two Planner Associates and the CTP office under the supervision of the Mission Director, AMRUT.

9. Remuneration for the Planner Consultant and Planner Associates shall be covered by the funds allocated under the State Plan Scheme "Support Scheme for Formulation of GIS-based Master Plans for AMRUT 2.0 towns." and Any excess requirement to be met from the A&OE fund of AMRUT 2.0.

(By order of the Governor)
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