



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Septage Treatment Plant at Willingdon Island - Guidelines for Operation and Maintenance - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2954/2018/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 21/11/2018

Read 1 G.O(Ms.)No.70/2014/LSGD dated 03.05.2014

2 Minutes of the meeting convened by Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD on 29/6/2018

3 Letter No T9/STP/2011-C dated 4.9.18 from the Chairman (i/c), Cochin Port Trust.

ORDER

As per the G.O. read as 1st paper above, sanction was accorded to K.S.U.D.P. for installing a 100 cum/day capacity Septage Treatment Plant at the 50 cents of land offered free of cost by Cochin Port Trust (CoPT) at willingdon Island. The plant was constructed by the KSUDP. As K.S.U.D.P, the implementing agency, was wound up since 31.03.2017, the implementation of the project was handed over to State Mission Management Unit (SMMU).

2. The installation of the plant has been completed in February 2018 and conducted trial run. As per letter read as 3rd paper above Cochin Port trust has brought the following apprehensions to the notice of Government.

- The proposal for setting up of the plant was agreed by the port subject to the condition that the ownership of the land will be

with Cochin Port trust and the plant shall be taken over by the Port after 5 years of Operation and Maintenance since its commissioning. As the land is still under the ownership of the Port, the ownership of the plant cannot be transferred to Kochi Municipal Corporation.

- Regarding the necessary arrangements for disposing the treated Water, the matter was taken up with KSUDP during the implementation stage itself. Disposal of treated water in an adequate manner is the responsibility of the implementing agency. Hence, the same may be done at a cost of KSUDP.
- Power required for the O&M of the plant shall be provided by the port. However, the charge of which shall be borne by the agency, who is collecting the charges for treating the septage.
- The revenue on account of operation as earlier decided shall accrue to CoPT.
- Water required for O&M of the plant shall be arranged by the operator of the plant plant itself, directly at their risk and cost.
- At the time of CoPT's proposal and approval of the same by Govt. of Kerala, there is no mention about the involvement of Kochi Corporation in this project.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail. The scientific treatment of septage at Kochi is an important issue to be addressed with. As such, the remaining issues related with the functioning of the STP at Willington Island has to be settled urgently. The intention of the project is to treat the Public septage as well as the septage from the ships calling at Cochin Port. Therefore Government are pleased to order as follows regarding the Operation and Maintenance of the STP at Willington Island:

1. The ownership of the land shall be retained with Cochin Port Trust, as the land is still under the ownership of the Port. The Plant shall be operated by Cochin Port Trust.
2. Necessary arrangements for disposing the treated Water shall be made by Cochin Port Trust as decided in the meeting held on 29/6/2018.
3. Power required for the O&M of the plant shall be provided by Cochin Port Trust, the charge for which shall be borne by the agency who is collecting the charges for treating the septage.

4. The Septage Treatment Plant shall be used for the treatment of Public septage as well as the septage from the ships calling at Cochin Port
5. The charge for treatment of public septage shall be fixed by CoPT on the basis of discussions with Kochi Municipal Corporation. The revenue on account of operation shall accrue to CoPT.
6. On satisfactory commissioning of the Plant, the Operation & Maintenance of the Plant for 5 years shall be done by AMRUT (the successor entity of KSUDP) through the contractor of the Plant as per the terms & conditions of contract agreement made by KSUDP subject to the condition that, the O&M cost of the last two years of the five years shall be borne by CoPT.
7. An MoU shall be signed by Kochi Municipal corporation and CoPT regarding all the matters related to the treatment of public septage under the Corporation.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To

Mayor, Kochi Municipal corporation.

Chairperson, Cochin Port Trust.

Director of Urban Affairs.

Mission Director, AMRUT.

Secretary, Kochi Municipal Corporation.

The Executive Director, Suchitwa Mission.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/ A&E/ LBA &A), Kerala

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