

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Kondotty Municipality- Payment of Bank Guarantee (BG) amount of Rs.20.155 lakhs to Kerala Water Authority (KWA) for submitting to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for getting permission for road cutting for the KIIFB funded Water Supply Scheme - Sanction accorded - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1986/2024/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 19-10-2024

Read 1 GO. (Rt)No. 2906/2022/LSGD dated 24.11.2022

2 Minutes of the meeting held by the Secretary PWD and Secretary LSGD on 25.3.2024

3 Council resolution No. 20 dated 19.06.2024 of Kondotty Municipality

4 Letter No. 850771-2024-D2 dated 25.06.2024 of Secretary, Kondotty Municipality

5 Letter No. WRD004-02-MISC-02 dated 13.07.2024 of CEO, KIIFB

6 SMMU/121/2023-UIWE-3 dated 11.09.2024 of the Mission Director, AMRUT

7 Letter No. LSGD/PD/26801/2024-CSSB1 dated 18.09.2024 of the Principal Director, LSGD

ORDER

As per G.O read as 1st paper above, sanction has been accorded for the project "AMRUT 2.0 - Providing FHTCs to Kondotty municipality (WSS to Cheekode and adjoining villages) for an amount of Rs.16.696 Crores to provide 14,000 Functional Household Tap connections to all wards.

2. As per the letter read as 6th paper above, Mission Director, AMRUT has reported that, the said work can be completed only after completing Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) funded Water Supply Scheme (pumping main, and Distribution line) being implemented in Kondotty Municipality. The KIIFB- funded project is stalled due to the

non-receipt of road-cutting permission from NHAI (NH-966, Thalekkara to Pothuvetti para) for laying line on both sides of National Highway for 9.475 Km. NHAI has demanded an unconditional bank guarantee of Rs. 20.155 lakhs and a license fee of Rs. 40,58,406 /-for getting permission for road cutting for this KIIFB - funded water supply project. Based on the demand notice issued by NH Malappuram, the KWA has already remitted Rs. 96,89,238 through the Bharagosh portal as a license fee for obtaining road-cutting permission for the same work on February17,2021. To get permission from NHAI, KWA has been asked to submit an unconditional bank guarantee of Rs. 20,15,500 and a license fee of Rs. 40,58,406/-. Therefore, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) was asked to return the amount of Rs.96,89,238 already paid through the Bharatgosh portal so that it can be paid to NHAI. The license fee of Rs. 40,58,406 /-required by the NHAI has been adjusted from the amount of Rs. 96,89,238 already paid through the Bharatgosh portal. However even after an amount of Rs. 56,30,832 remains with the MoRTH, permission for road cutting was denied for want of an unconditional bank guarantee of Rs.20,15,500/-. In the meeting held by the Secretary PWD and Secretary LSGD to resolve the road-cutting issues with AMRUT projects, as per the minutes read as 2nd paper above, Kondotty ULB agreed to advance the BG amount of Rs. 20.155 lakhs to KWA for submitting to NHAI, after getting an approval from the KIIFB that the BG amount will be recouped

3. As per the letter read as 5th paper above, CEO KIIFB has informed that KIIFB cannot consider the BG amount for the road / restoration of the work, whereas KIIFB has no objection in AMRUT or Municipality in funding the BG amount.

6. Mission Director, AMRUT has reported that, as per the letter of the Secretary of Kondotty Municipality read as 4th paper above, permission may be granted to advance the Bank Guarantee (BG) amount of Rs. 20.155 lakhs to KWA for submitting to NHAI for the KIIFB project so that the AMRUT project can be completed successfully. Mission Director, AMRUT has also reported that as an amount of Rs. 56,30,832 as part of the KIIFB project remains with the MoRTH, intervention with the Regional Manager, MoRTH is also requested to expedite the refund to the Kerala Water Authority, as it will help to alleviate the financial burden on the Municipality

7. As per the letter read as 7th paper above, the Principal Director, LSGD has requested to take necessary action to grant permission to Kondotty Municipality to advance BG amount for the KIIFB project as per request submitted by Secretary Kondotty Municipality based on the Council resolution read as 3rd paper above.

8. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to Kondotty Municipality to advance the Bank Guarantee (BG) amount of Rs.20.155 lakhs to Kerala Water Authority for submitting to NHAI for getting permission for road cutting for the KIIFB funded Water Supply Scheme.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

The Mission Director, AMRUT
The Chief Executive Officer, KIIFB
The Managing director, Kerala Water Authority
The Principal Accountant General (A&E) Kerala Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (Audit I/ Audit II), Kerala Thiruvananthapuram
The Information Officer, I&PRD (Web & New Media)
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