



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department- PMGSY-III - Package No. KR.06-75 and Package No. KR.06-74 in Kollam – Decision of the Standing Empowered Committee - Approved - Orders issued.

Local Self Government (DD)Department

G.O.(Rt)No.2874/2025/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 25-11-2025

Read:- 1.Appeal dated 10.03.2025 and 12.03.2025 filed by M/s Thoppil Contractors (India) Pvt. Ltd.
 2.Letter No. KSRRDA/66/2023-B dated 05.05.2025 & 01.07.2025 and letter No.KSRRDA/319/2023-B dated 11.07.2025 from the Chief Engineer, KSRRDA
 3.G.O.(Rt) No.1399/2025/LSGD dated 05.06.2025
 4.G.O.(Rt) No.2389/2025/LSGD dated 01.10.2025.
 5.Minutes of the Standing Empowered Committee meetings held on 23.10.2025

ORDER

The works of PMGSY III (2021-22) Batch 1, Package No. KR.06-74 MRL20-Mangod Thalavarambu Ambalamukku Karichira Sidewall Kalluvettamkuzhi Road and Package No.KR.06-75 MRL16-Asuramangalam Kombettimala Thittakkara Ayathil Mathurappa Gurumandhiram Road in Kollam were awarded to M/s Thoppil Contractors (India) Pvt. Ltd. Since these works were not completed with in the time limit, the Chief Engineer, KSRRDA terminated these works with risk and cost of the contractor. Against this the contractor filed an appeal before the Standing Empowered Committee, as read as 1st paper above, with a request to reconsider the termination decision and to allow them to complete the projects at the same rates quoted in 2022, without any loss to the Government, and to grant further extension of time for the purpose. Accordingly, a Standing Empowered Committee had been constituted as per Government order read as 3rd paper above and later modified the same as per Government order read as 4th paper above .

2. The Standing Empowered Committee heard the contractor on 23.10.2025 and the contractor informed the Committee that the non-completion of the works were due to severe financial problems as the bank account was blocked by the bank concerned. Preliminary works were started in both works and materials for construction had been brought to the sites. If further extension of time for completion is granted, the projects can be completed at the same rates quoted in 2022, without any loss to the government. Also as per the interim order dated 20.02.2025 in WP(C) No.6835/2025 the Hon'ble Court directed the respondents not to initiate any coercive proceedings against the contractor for finalization of the amount towards risk and cost.

3. The Chief Engineer, KSRRDA informed the committee that the contractor had only completed preliminary works such as clearing grass, rubbish removal, excavation for structures, and providing and fixing logos etc. for the work of Package No. KR-06-74. For Package No.KR-06-75, initial works, specifically earthwork excavation and DR masonry works (52.05 meters) were completed. Also the road work of Package No.KR.06-74 was rearranged after termination and awarded to another contractor at 23% above the estimate rate in SoR 2016. The difference between the newly quoted amount and original amount is nearly 40 lakh rupees and the same may be the net loss incurred to the State exchequer. But the process of rearranging the balance work for the Package No. KR 06-75, is not completed yet and therefore total loss can be finalized after awarding this work too.

4.The Standing Empowered Committee discussed the matter and decided to reject the request of the contractor and the following decisions were taken.

(1) The Chief Engineer, KSRRDA is entrusted to file Counter Affidavit in the case/Appeal against the interim order dated 20.02.2025 in WP(C) No.6835/2025 in consultation with Advocate General.

(2)For the work under Package No. KR.06-74, the Chief Engineer KSRRDA, shall issue notice to the contractor for recovering the actual loss sustained to the Government after considering the cost of the materials and the work already done.

(3)For the work under Package No. KR 06-75, a decision can be taken only after rearranging the balance work. The contractor may approach SEC if he has any dispute after rearranging the balance work. The Chief

Engineer,KSRRDA shall take immediate steps to rearrange the balance work and to complete the work in a time bound manner.

5.Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to approve the decision of the Standing Empowered Committee as per the Minutes, read as 5th paper above. The Chief Engineer, KSRRDA shall take immediate steps to comply with the decisions of the Standing Empowered Committee.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Chairman, Standing Empowered Committee

The Chief Engineer, LSGD, Thiruvananthapuram

The Chief Engineer, KSRRDA, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri.H.V Haridas, Chief Engineer (Rtd.), (through the CE, KSRRDA)

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