

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

LSGD - Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) - Constitution of State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) and State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) for implementation of projects under Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) - Sanction Accorded - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1241/2026/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 04-07-2026

Read 1 G.O.(Rt)No.1124/2026/LSGD dated 16.06.2026.

2 Letter No.LSGD/PD/CA1/121/2026 dated 08.06.2026 from the Principal Director, Local Self Government Department.

ORDER

As per Government Order read as 1st above, Government have accorded sanction for operationalizing the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) in the state as per the provisions of the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) Operational Guidelines related to project preparation, appraisal, financing, monitoring and allocation, by Government of India (GoI).

The UCF Guidelines mandate the institution of specific institutional structures at the State level, including

- i. State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC)
- ii. State Level Technical Committee (SLTC)
- iii. State Mission Directorate headed by a State Mission Director with a Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC)/Project Preparation and Support Unit for project development, appraisal, monitoring, and capacity building.

As per letter read as 2nd above, Principal Director, Local Self Government Department (LSGD), has requested the Government to constitute a State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) and State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) for the implementation, appraisal, and recommendation

of UCF projects in Kerala.

(2) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to designate the Principal Secretary Local Self Government Department (LSGD) as the State Mission Director for the Urban Challenge Fund and the State Mission Director AMRUT as the Deputy Mission Director for the Urban Challenge Fund, in partial modification of the Government Order read as 1st above, and hereby constitute the State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC) and State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) as below for the implementation, appraisal, and recommendation of UCF projects.

State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPSC)

1	Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2	Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department	Member
3	Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department & State Mission Director UCF	Member Secretary
4	Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department	Member
5	Secretary, Revenue Department	Member
6	Secretary, Industries Department	Member
7	Secretary, Transport Department	Member
8	Secretary, Water Resources Department	Member
9	Secretary, Public Works Department	Member
10	Principal Director, Local Self Government Department	Member
11	State Mission Director, AMRUT & Deputy Mission Director, UCF	Member
12	Chief Town Planner	Member
13	Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department	Member
14	Any other expert/member co-opted by Government.	Member

State Level Technical Committee (SLTC)

	Principal Secretary, Local Self Government	
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1	Department	Chairperson
2	Mission Director, Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)	Convenor & Member
3	Secretary, Finance Department	Member
4	Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs	Member
5	Representative of Water Resources Department	Member
6	Representative of Public Works Department	Member
7	Representative of Power Department -	Member
8	Chief Town Planner	Member
9	Chief Engineer, Local Self Government Department	Member
10	Managing Directors of concerned SPVs/Implementing Agencies	Invitees.

(4) The SHPSC shall be responsible for approval of projects, approval of DPRs, monitoring reforms, recommending release of funds, approval of capacity building plans, and facilitating market-based financing. The SLTC shall undertake technical scrutiny and appraisal of DPRs and project proposals before placement before the SHPSC. The mandate and responsibilities of the State Mission Director Urban Challenge Fund remain the same as in the Government Order read as 1st above.

(5) The State Mission Directorate shall function through a dedicated State Project Management Unit (SPMU)/State Project Preparation and Support Unit consisting of multidisciplinary experts in

- i. Urban Planning
- ii. Municipal Finance and Capital Markets
- iii. PPP and Transaction Advisory
- iv. Infrastructure Engineering
- v. Water and Sanitation
- vi. GIS and Spatial Planning
- vii. Project Monitoring and MIS
- viii. Legal and Contract Management
- ix. Environmental and Social Safeguards
- x. Capacity Building and Communications

(6) The SPMU shall support project identification, preparation of Concept

Notes and DPRs, market borrowing strategies, municipal bond preparation, PPP structuring, reform implementation, monitoring, capacity building and coordination with ULBs. The PMU shall be established through the engagement of a Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) under the Project Preparation and Capacity Building Fund (PPCBF) component of Urban Challenge Fund. Until such time that the SPMU as proposed in para 5 above is set up, the State Mission Management Unit of AMRUT shall act as the SPMU for the Urban Challenge Fund.

(By order of the Governor)
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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

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