



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

LSGD - Implementation of projects under Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) - Designation of Single Nodal Agency and permission for opening bank accounts in RBI by the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for the onboarding of Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) - Sanction Accorded Orders issued.

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### LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1630/2026/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29-08-2026

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- Read 1) G.O.(Rt)No.1124/2026/LSGD dated 16.06.2026.  
2) G.O.(Rt)No.1241/2026/LSGD dated 04.07.2026.  
3) G.O.(Rt)No.1381/2026/LSGD dated 28.07.2026.  
4) D.O.No.K-17011/01/2026/UCF dated 14.08.2026 from joint Secretary,Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs .

### ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> 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). As per Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above, Government have accorded sanction to constitute State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) and State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) for implementation of projects under Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) and designated Principal Secretary Local Self Government Department (LSGD) and Mission Director AMRUT as the State Mission Director & Deputy Mission Director respectively for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF).

(2) As per Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above Sanction has also accorded to constitute 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. Until such time that the SPMU as proposed as per the Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> above is set up, the State Mission Management Unit of AMRUT shall act as the SPMU for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF).

(3) As per paper read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has informed that necessary steps shall be taken by all States/UTs for operationalization of the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) under SNA-SPARSH platform and further informed that the Central Assistance for the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) could be utilized through a State-Linked Scheme (SLS) under SNA-SPARSH, with a sharing ratio of 100:0 (Centre: State) for the projects. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has further requested all States/UTs to complete the necessary formalities as depicted therein for onboarding the UCF on the SNA-SPARSH module .

(4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to designate State Mission Management Unit (SMMU) of AMRUT as Single Nodal Agency (SNA).

(5) Sanction is also accorded for opening bank accounts for operating the 100% Centrally Sponsored A&OE component and the Central Grant component of the 25% of the project cost under Urban Challenge Fund in RBI by the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for the onboarding and implementation of Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) in the State.

(By order of the Governor)  
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SECRETARY

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