

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WITH THE CHAIRMAN, MANAGERS, PRINCIPALS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENT (CIVIL ENGINEERING) AND FACULTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS OF THE ENGINEERING COLLEGES ASSOCIATED WITH 'PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT-REBUILD KERALA INITIATIVE-LSGD' FIELD STUDIES, SURVEY AND DATA COLLECTION, HELD ON 15.01.2020, 2.00 P.M AT GOVERNMENT. GUEST HOUSE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 P.M with Additional Chief Secretary (LSGD) in Chair. The meeting started with a self introduction of all participants. List of participants is enclosed as Annexure-1. The meeting began with a brief overview of the importance of Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) and its two components through LSGD viz, Roads of Local Self Governments implementing through Project Management Unit (PMU-LSGD) for rebuilding flood affected roads with world class standard design and Livelihood Support implementing through Kudumbasree. The Chair emphasized the need for re-constructing flood affected roads coming under Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs) with a minimum five year's warranty. The Chair thanked the Chairman, Managers, Principals, Heads of Department of Civil Engineering Department, the Civil Engineering Faculties and Students of the Engineering colleges for the whole hearted support extended by them for conducting of survey of roads and various soil tests. He also informed them that Government has plans in utilizing the services of best performing Engineering Colleges and departments on a regular basis in future with payment of consulting fees in appropriate works.

2. Project Director, PMU-RKI-LSGD thanked the Chairman/Managers/Principals/Heads of Departments and Faculties of various Engineering Colleges participating for their timely help rendered in conducting survey of roads. He gave a power point presentation on the Organizational chart of the Project Management Unit and its implementation Units, duties and responsibilities, operating procedures, the reason for collaborating with the Engineering Colleges in the survey process and the extent of road surveys completed by the various Engineering Colleges and expectation of the PMU from the Engineering Colleges. He requested the faculties of various Engineering Colleges to come forward to complete the remaining project works and to inform him the issues faced by them for conducting the surveys.

3. The following discussions were held in the meeting.

The Chairman, Saintgits College of Engineering Kottayam thanked Local Self Government Department for giving their students an opportunity for practically implementing what they have studied during their course of work. He requested that necessary action from the part of PMU-RKI-LSGD has to be taken for providing experience certificate to the students for their efforts taken in completing the survey work. He has also requested to extend some financial support to students in a light manner for doing the survey works.

The Chair assured him that experience certificate will be issued to faculty and students who were engaged in the survey works of Rebuild Kerala Initiative and informed that Hon'ble Minister(LSGD) has already been briefed of this matter and the Minister wholeheartedly accepted the initiative. The Chair proposed that financing the ongoing RKI survey works by colleges and students may not be possible and informed that it will be done in future projects. The Chair has also informed that extra Activity points will be given to those engineering colleges by AICTE for collaborating with LSGD projects .**[Action: PMU-RKI through LSGD and Higher Education Department]**.

Principal, Sri Narayana Gurukulam College of Engineering (SNGCE), Kolencherry informed that the task was a challenging one, as initially faculty and students were reluctant to work under sunlight and now they have accustomed to the survey works and requested for experience certificate.

Dr.K.J.George,Professor,St.Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology, Palai expressed his gratitude to Local Self Government Department for giving an opportunity in participating with the rebuilding of damaged roads.

Principal, Vidya Academy of Science and Technology, Thrissur raised the issue of time conflict between faculty and students. He opined that one km a day for 25 days will be a good target for any Engineering College. He suggested about working as a "Lead Institution" with a cluster of institutions such as polytechnic colleges for completing the remaining project works in Thrissur district.

Principal, Toc H Institute of Science and Technology informed that students will be encouraged to do the work if some weightage can be given in the curriculum for it.

Head of the department, Saintgits College of Engineering expressed his gratitude to LSGD for giving this opportunity to them involving for in real life problems. He said that they completed road survey of 35kms and used 'open road' software purchased by him to calculate various values. He expressed his willingness to share this software to other Engineering Colleges, if they need it.

Dr.Usha Titus, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department joined the meeting and the Chair welcomed her and explained about Rebuild Kerala Initiative and Project Management Unit and the role of the Engineering Colleges engaged in and their requests for "activity points" and "weightage" for those engaged in the survey works. Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department appreciated all the Engineering Colleges participating in this venture for setting an example for other Engineering Colleges in taking up consultancy projects linked with Government. She promised to look into the above requests and will be informed to A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Technological University.

Sri. Cheriyan, faculty of Saintgits College of Engineering complained about a recent proceedings of the Chief Engineer, Design (PWD) dated 9/12/2019 insisting that first Tier Quality Control tests in works under PWD should be done and approved only in “Government Engineering Colleges /Government Aided Engineering colleges”. He requested to include Self Financing Engineering Colleges also into that purview since they are actively participating in RKI-LSGD Initiatives.

The Chair informed that the matter will be taken up with Secretary, PWD and ensured that the quality control tests after the construction of roads has to be done through Engineering Colleges on a payment basis [**Action: LSGD**].

Sri. Eldose, Faculty of Muthoot Institute of Technology stated that survey was beneficial to students and expressed the difficulties he had to face in dealing with the local people while conducting survey of roads.

Sri. Abdul Raoof, Head Of Department, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology (RIT), Pampady conveyed his willingness to conduct quality testing of roads and also informed that Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology-Government Engineering College-Kottayam will help in preparing a quality manual for LSGD Engineering Wing Department (**Action: LSGD-Engineering Wing Department**).

Head of Department of Mar Baselios Institute of Technology and Science, Kothamangalam, Head of Department of SCMS School of Engineering and Technology Kochi , Head of Department St Thomas College of Engineering, Chengannur, Head of Department Adi Shankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady thanked LSGD for giving their students a lifetime chance to improve their practical knowledge.

Shri. Abdul Malik, Project Manager of IMPACT KERALA Ltd asked for the assistance of faculty of Engineering colleges in conducting soil tests for 25 projects coming under the KIIFB funded projects in LSGD.

Head Of Department , Saintgits College of Engineering suggested about issuance of an order to incorporate survey of LSGD roads under Rebuild Kerala Initiative in Kerala Technological University syllabus for sixth semester Civil Engineering students especially in “Survey Camps” in Semester-6.[**Action: PMU-RKI through LSGD and Higher Education Department**].

The Chair assured that accommodation of the students moving out of their campus to do survey work in districts outside their district will be provided and requested the Chairman/Managers/Principals/Heads of Department/Faculties to take up survey of the remaining road corridors at the earliest. The participants suggested that a “WhatsApp” group

may be created with faculty of 11 Engineering Colleges, PMU officials and Additional Chief Secretary(LSGD) as members. Further discussions and decisions can be put in that group
[Action: PMU-RKI through LSGD)

Project Director, PMU-RKI-LSGD in his concluding remarks has requested the officials of the Engineering Colleges to inform him a timeframe for the completion of balance survey works within two days.

4. Vote of thanks was proposed by Sri. G.S. Ajith Kumar, Executive Engineer PMU. He expressed his gratitude to Additional Chief Secretary, LSGD for bringing up such an innovative idea of bringing Engineering College students to PMU projects. He thanked Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department for sharing the valuable inputs. He also thanked the Chairman/Managers/Principals/Heads of Department and Faculties of Engineering Colleges present for attending the meeting and requested to complete the present task at the earliest.

5. The meeting came to a close at 5.15 P.M.

Dated: 23/01/2020

**Sd/-
T.K. JOSE IAS
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (LSGD)**

ANNEXURE-1

List of Participants

1. Dr. Usha Titus IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department.
2. Sri. Vishnukumar G, Project Director RKI-LSGD
3. Sri. Ajith kumar, Executive Engineer RKI-LSGD
4. Sri. Punnoose George, Chairman, Saintgits College of Engineering, Kottayam
5. Sri. John Palithottam, Bursar, St.Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology, Palai
6. Sri. Saji.C.B, Principal, Vidya Academy of Science and Technology, Thrissur
7. Smt. Preethi thekkath, Principal, TOCH Institute of Science and Technology, Ernakulam
8. Sri. Kemthose.p.paul, Principal, Sree Narayana Gurukulam College of Engineering, Ernakulam
9. Sri. Shaji. M. Fousal, HOD, Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science, Ernakulam
10. Sri. Harindranath.S, HOD, St Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur
11. Dr. John Robert prince, Professor, St Thomas college of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur
12. Sri.Abdul Raoof.A, HOD , Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology , Kottayam
13. Sri. Reebu Zachariah koshy, HOD, Saintgits College of Engineering, Kottayam
14. Smt. Latha Karthi, HOD, TOCH Institute of Science and Technology, Ernakulam
15. Smt. Anitha G.pillai, HOD, SCMS school of Engineering and Technology, Ernakulam
16. Sri. Aneesh P.C, HOD, Adishankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady
17. Sri. C. Justine Jose, Professor, Vidhya Academy of Science and Technology, Thrissur
18. Dr. K.J George, Professor, St.Joseph's College of Engineering and Technology, Palai
19. Sri. Basil Eldose, Asst Prof, Mar Baselios Institute of Technology and Science, Ernakulam
20. Sri. Deepu. R, Asst Professor, SCMS school of Engineering and Technology, Ernakulam
21. Sri. Abin Joy, Asst Prof, Adishankara Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kalady
22. Sri. Eldose Cheriyan, Asst Prof, Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science, Ernakulam
23. Sri. C.K.Cherian, Asst Prof, Saintgits College of Engineering, Kottayam
24. Sri. Jithin Kurian, Asst Prof, Saintgits College of Engineering, Kottayam
25. Sri. Jenty joy, Placement Officer, Mar Baselios Institute of Technology and Science, Ernakulam
26. Sri. Kiran Vijay, Project Co-ordinator, Sree Narayana Gurukulam College of Engineering, Ernakulam
27. Shri.Abdul Mallik, Project Manager, IMPACT-KERALA Ltd.
28. Sri. Sathyanath B, Asst. Executive Engineer, RKI-LSGD
29. Sri. Shiju Chandran R, Asst. Executive Engineer, RKI-LSGD
30. Smt. Shainy.N, Asst. Executive Engineer, RKI-LSGD
31. Sri. Vipin Vijayan, Finance Officer, RKI-LSGD

32. Sri. Binod.S, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
33. Sri. Jithu.raj, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
34. Sri. Praveen C.G, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
35. Sri. Binil Gopinath, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
36. Sri. Jiju.V, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
37. Smt. Sajna Sayed, Asst. Engineer, RKI-LSGD
