



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Planning and Economic Affairs (RKI) Department- Reconstruction of LSGD Roads through PMU – Sanction to Udumpuzha Chempassery road in Kalady GP, Ernakulam District – Cancelled - Orders issued.

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### PLANNING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (RKI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.249/2024/P&EA Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 04-07-2024

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- Read: 1. G.O.(Ms.) No.16/2018/P&EA dated 09-11-2018.  
2. G.O. (Ms.) No.25/2019/P&EA dated 13-08-2019.  
3. Circular No. RKI1/1/2020-PLGEA dated 24-03-2020.  
4. G.O. (Rt.) No.224/2020/P&EA dated 26-05-2020.  
5. Letter No. RKI1/97/2022-PLGEA dated 08-02-2023.

### ORDER

As per G.O. read 4<sup>th</sup> paper above, Administrative Sanction was issued to 25 LSGD road works under RKI to be executed through PMU, RKI at a total estimated cost of ₹11.72 crore including Udumpuzha Chempassery road in Kalady GP, Ernakulam District at an estimated cost of ₹1.03 crore.

2. During the site inspection of the above road held on 13-01-2023, the following was found/observed;

- The work is a case of a new construction of road, rather than reconstruction.
- The road will not be of use without connecting to the PWD road through a minor bridge. Further, even if it is connected to the PWD road through a minor bridge, the same might not mitigate the traffic congestion in the nearby major junction, since the bypassing will be for a short distance only. Hence, the feasibility of the road as a bypass need to be assessed through a competent technical agency before going ahead with the construction.

- A section of the local residents raised complaints that the road under construction has encroached the nearby thodu/stream, compromising the original dimensions and direction of the thodu, thus adding to the flooding of the area even in small rains. The same need to be further investigated.
- 3.** In view of the above observations, the works with respect to the above road was put on hold as per paper read 5<sup>th</sup> above, and the Project Director, PMU was directed to furnish a report detailing the (i) feasibility of the road as a bypass road to the nearby major junction and (ii) Whether the road has encroached the nearby thodu and whether it has any bearing on the flooding of the area. Based on the same, NATPAC was engaged by the PMU to conduct a feasibility study regarding the Udumpuzha Chempassery road in Kalady GP. From the initial details/images of the NATPAC report read paper, it is evident that the road work, viz. Udumpuzha Chempassery road, approved by the RKI is not any kind of reconstruction work, instead, it is the construction of of a new road. Moreover, there already exists good connectivity between the points Udumpuzha and Chempassery via Mattoor Junction.
- 4.** Construction of new roads do not come under the mandate of the RKI. Further, When scrutinized with respect to the alignment of the proposal to the Project Appraisal Guidelines of RKI issued as per paper read 3<sup>rd</sup> above, to check for the Rebuild Kerala Development Program's (RKDP) cross-cutting foundational elements such as Disaster Risk Management and Resilience, Strengthening Institutional Efficiency and Resilience, etc; it is seen that the proposal does not qualify the criterion stipulated by the RKI particularly in the flood resilience aspect. In these circumstances, it is seen prudent to cancel the work under RKI at this stage instead of incurring further amount to traffic related surveys. The local body may explore other sources of funds by its own, if it desires to take up the work.
- 5.** The Government after having considered the matter in detail do hereby cancel the sanction for the work titled Udumpuzha Chempassery road in Kalady GP, Ernakulam District (₹ 1.03 crore) under the Rebuild Kerala Initiative.
- 6.** The Government Order read paper 4<sup>th</sup> above, stand modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)  
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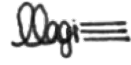
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