

**Kerala Local Government Service Delivery Project-Annual Performance
Assessment- 2014-15**

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Chambers of the Principal Secretary LSGD, on
12th February 2015 at 04-30 PM for discussing the Evaluation under APA 2014-15.**

Principal Secretary, LSGD Chaired the Meeting.

Present:

Mr.S.Divakaran Pillai, State Performance Audit Officer
Ms. Mithra.T. IAS, Project Director,
Dr.V.P.Sukumaran, Deputy Project Director,
Mr.P.R.Devaraj, Team Leader, Sutra Consultants,
Mr.Thomas Abraham, Dy. Team Leader, Sutra Consultants.

The consultants presented the tentative position of all 1038 LSGIs participated in the APA. Based on the present status about 364 LSGIs would qualify all the MMCs and about 112 (11%) would qualify all MMCs with 50% score in Performance Benchmark. Following points were discussed in the meeting and following decisions were taken.

1. It was decided and agreed to treat "MMC 1.1.1" relating to Budget and "MMC 1.1.2" relating to Annual Plan preparation as cleared in all cases since Annual Plan and Budget were mandatory requirement all LSGIs even though LSGIs had used different formats.
2. In case of "MMC 1.2.4" relating to capital works and acquisitions funded from KLGSDP performance grant in the financial year 2013-14 have taken place (work in progress/completed), due to the time, taken for the allocation of fund during the year, it was decided that LSGIs might be allowed to complete the process up to 31 December 2014. However this could be considered during appeal. The LSGIs had to start the implementation process of work/purchase on all projects funded through KLGSDP at least by signing the agreement with the executing agency in

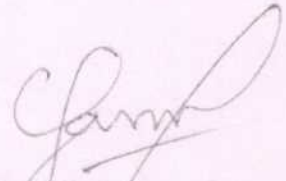
the case of works or issue the supply order in the case of procurement of goods. As per present norms, if they had not started the process even in one project they would fail in this MMC. It was decided that signing of agreement for work or issue of supply order in the case of procurement of goods in at least 80% of total projects under KLGSDP would make them eligible to qualify in this MMC. This benefit could also be considered at the time of appeal in deserving cases since data had already been captured in the software as part of assessment.

3. Regarding Performance Benchmark (PB), the limit of 50 marks requirements needed to be revised due to strict infrastructure norms fixed for assessment. The trend indicated that only 112 LSGIs would qualify all MMCs with a score of 50 and above. This could affect the pattern funding and further spending capacity of the qualifying LSGs. In the PB on Solid Waste Management, Modern Slaughter House and fully functional crematorium/burial ground, it was found that around 75% of the LSGIs would fail and even would not score. Considering the strict norms fixed in the APA, it was decided to fix the pass mark as 35% instead of 50%.
4. In PB on all roads/lanes have street light installations 30 meters apart as per the Indian National Standard fixed in the PB was not found suitable in Kerala environment, since the KSEB followed the rule to fix the street light only with 35 meters apart. Hence it was decided to adopt the KSEB norms of 35 meters apart and to make suitable changes in the software before announcing the result.
5. As per the existing guidelines for the implementation of project using Performance Grant Funding, the LSGs had to follow the regular planning process involving plan seminars, DPC approvals etc. The completion of utilisation of funds would be delayed affecting timely closure of Project Accounts. Therefore, it was decided to move Government for the following:-
 1. If the LSGs have any DPC approved projects that cannot be started during this year, the Performance Grant funds shall be permitted to be used for

implementation of such projects subject to the condition that the project conforms to the norms for KLGSDP funding like ESMF, Procurement etc.

2. If the LSGs have a shelf of projects duly approved by the DPC meant for the coming years, suitable projects can be taken up from the shelf of projects which conform to KLGSDP norms.
3. Projects can be formulated for the utilization of KLGSDP funds, following the procedures prescribed in the guidelines for utilization of KLGSDP funds.

Meeting ended at 5 pm.



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