

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department- Rebuild Kerala Initiative- Project Management Unit- Chief Engineer, LID&EW designated as the higher authority to approve extension of ToC of road works under PMU RKI LSGD beyond half of original ToC- sanctioned - Orders Issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (PP) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.244/2025/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24-01-2025

Read 1 G.O.(Rt)No.894/2019/LSGD Dated 26.04.2019

- 2 G.O.(Rt)No.2587/2024/LSGD Dated 31.12.2024
- 3 G.O.(Ms)No.21/2024-PWD Dated 02.04.2024
- 4 Letter No. T3-106/PMULSGD/22 dated 06.09.2024 from PD, PMU RKI LSGD
- 5 U.O.Note No.RKI-1/125/2019-PLGEA-Part(2) dated from P&EA(RKI) Department

ORDER

As per Government Order read as first paper above, a Project Management Unit(PMU) as part of the Rebuild Kerala Initiative under Local Self Government Department has been constituted for the renovation and reconstruction of flood affected roads and bridges and as per the Government Order read as second paper above the tenure of the PMU has been extended up to June, 2025

2. But pointing out that, many of the road works under PMU, LSGD which are either completed or ongoing are delayed owing to the pendency, in timely approval of ToC, the Project Director as per letter read 4th above requested the urgent need for sanction from the next higher authority to the agreement authority to grant extension without fine beyond 50% of the

original time of completion, as stipulated in G.O.(Ms)No.21/2024/PWD Dated 02.04.2024.

- 3. Similarly the Planning and Economic Affairs (RKI) Department too, vide U.O(Note) read as fifth paper above, endorsed that the existing system poses challenge for works under PMURKI-LSGD since contractors typically submit extension applications near the expiry date, making it difficult to approve the extension of ToC within the original ToC. During this period the contract becomes legally void and affect the execution of work creating chaos and public protest at the work site and hence recommended to designate the Chief Engineer, LSGD as the higher authority for granting extension of ToC without penalty beyond half of the original ToC, in the case of RKI Projects implemented through PMU, RKI.
- 4. Government have examined the matter in detail. As per order read as third paper above, among others, it is ordered that, the maximum extension for Time of completion that can be granted for a work by the agreement authority (Project Director, PMU RKI LSGD) without any penalty shall be limited to the half of the original ToC. Beyond which, prior approval from the next higher authority is required.

In such circumstances, in order to ensure that the RKI works get completed without further delay, Government are pleased to designate the Chief Engineer, LID&EW as the higher authority to approve extension of ToC for up to 6 months, beyond half of the original ToC, without penalty. Chief Engineer LSGD is also hereby instructed to take decisions on the Extension of Time without delay.

(By order of the Governor)
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