



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department -NCRMP II- Procurement and replacement of batteries -Sanction Accorded - Orders issued.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (ADEPARTMENT)

G.O.(Rt)No.202/2026/DMD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28-04-2026

Read 1 Letter No. MTO V/1696/2021/Admin dated 07.01.2026 from the
Commissioner Disaster Management

2 Letter No. MTO V/1696/2021/Admin dated 01.04.2026 from the
Commissioner Disaster Management

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above the Commissioner, Disaster Management informed that the EWDS (Component A) under NCRMP-II was materially delayed due to nationwide and State-level Covid-19 restrictions from 24.03.2020, resulting in siren/battery installation commencing only during Aug–Dec 2022 and batteries remaining in storage for over 1.5 years. These delays were formally acknowledged by the Government of Kerala, and the Government of India permitted invoking relevant provisions. The project ended on March 31, 2024, followed by an O&M phase up to March 31, 2026. By November 2025, several batteries showed reduced performance due to prolonged storage, heat waves, wear and tear, and irregular charging from power failures. The contractor used 10% spare stock, and KSDMA procured 150 additional batteries in May 2025 to maintain operations. As UPS systems require full set replacement (16 batteries), Kerala State Disaster Management Authority recommended urgent procurement of 200 batteries, with the rest before June 2026. The

approved rate is ₹8,050 per battery with a three year warranty. A work order for 200 batteries was issued on January 1, 2026. The Commissioner, Disaster Management has requested to release funds from State Disaster Response Fund to procure a total of 3,000 batteries, including the 200 already mentioned, at a total cost of ₹2,41,50,000 (Rupees Two Crore Forty One Lakh Fifty Thousand), inclusive of GST.

2. The Government directed the Commissioner, Disaster Management to act in accordance with the Force Majeure provisions stipulated in the contract agreement with the supplier (CMS Computers Pvt Ltd) and take consequential contractual action. The commissioner, Disaster Management has submitted the action taken report as per letter read as 2nd paper above.

3. The Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to sanction an amount of ₹2,41,50,000 (Rupees Two Crore Forty One Lakh Fifty Thousand), inclusive of GST from the Head of Account 2245-02-101-94-01-Flood- Other Items to the STSB Account No. 701011400000188 maintained by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority in District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram, subject to the ratification of the State Executive Committee of the KSDMA.

4. The amount shall be utilized from the current year's Budget Provision and expenditure details in this regard should be uploaded in the NDMIS portal within a month of expenditure.

(By order of the Governor)

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SECRETARY

To:

The Commissioner, Disaster Management
The Principal Accountant General (A&E, Audit), Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Disaster Management Authority

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