



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

CSIND - Dredging and silt removal work on Vaduthala - Chittoor - Marine Drive Backwaters - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

COASTAL SHIPPING & INLAND NAVIGATION (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.4/2026/CSIND Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19-01-2026

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Read:- 1. Letter No. CEINKP/204/2025 - AE 3 dated 28/07/2025 from the Chief Engineer (Inland Navigation & Kuttanad Package).
 2. G.O.(Rt.) No.1/2026/CSIND dated 03/01/2026.

ORDER

The Chief Engineer (IN & KP) as per letter cited 1st above have forwarded a proposal for "Dredging and silt removal work on Vaduthala - Chittoor - Marine drive backwaters" to improve backwater traffic and prevent water logging in the city in Ernakulam District for an amount of Rs. 3.00 Crore. The boat route starting from Ernakulam Marine drive passing through Mulavukad, Thanthonnithuruth, Korankotta, Vaduthala and chittoor area is one of the major boat route operated by SWTD. In the estimate report, it is reported that after the great flood of 2018, all the boat routes got silted and the water carrying capacity reduced significantly. This also affected the smooth movement of the boats. Hence, for improving backwater traffic and increasing water carrying capacity, de- silting the water bodies is necessary.

2. In the state budget for the year 2025-26, the work "Removal of silt by dredging from the lake in Vaduthala - Chittor - Marine Drive area for the smooth transit of boat service and for the protection of city from water logging" is included as serial no. 442 in the annexure to the detailed budget estimates (Work Appendix Vol - II) and allocated a token

provision of Rs.60 lakhs. The estimate for the work is prepared based on DSR 2021 with prevailing cost index and the total estimated amount is Rs. 3.00 crore including GST.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative sanction for the work "Dredging and silt removal work on Vaduthala - Chittoor - Marine Drive Backwaters to improve backwater traffic and prevent water logging in the city in Ernakulam District" for an amount of Rs.3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore only) including GST under the h/a 5075 - 60 -800 - 94 - 03 - PV- Inland Navigation (state sector) Direction and Administration-works,subject to the following conditions:

- i. The competent authority shall identify a suitable dumping yard for the dredged soil prior to awarding the contract. The initial level of the proposed dumping yard shall be recorded and reported to Finance (I & PW -B) department/ Chief Technical Examiner (CTE).
- ii. The competent authority shall ensure that the initial and final levels of the dredging work are recorded through a hydrographic survey and reported to the CTE/ Finance (I& PW -B) department.
- iii. The soil investigation for identifying the properties of excavated material shall be conducted before issuing TS, and the estimate shall be modified accordingly for the proper disposal of dredged soil without causing loss to state exchequer.
- iv. The correctness of the rates adopted for the observed data included in the TS estimate if any, shall be ensured by the TS authority.
- v. The competent authority shall ensure the admissibility of provisions included in the estimate with the site conditions before issuing the Technical Sanction.

4. The Government order read 2nd above is hereby cancelled.

(By order of the Governor)
BISHWANATH SINHA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

The Chief Engineer (Inland Navigation & Kuttanad Package), Sreevalsom Building, Alappuzha.

The Director, Inland Navigation Department, Kollam.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Finance Department(E-3238234/I&PW-B3/193/2025-FIN, 05/11/2025).

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