

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Disaster Management Department-Release of an amount of Rs.10,01,00,000/- from SDRF as mobilization advance of the work Desilting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders in Meppadi Grama Panchayath in Wayanad - Orders issued.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.759/2025/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 16-12-2025

- Read
- 1 G.O(P) No. 67/2021/FIN dated 28.04.2021.
 - 2 G.O(Ms)No.6/2023/DMD dated 18/06/2023
 - 3 Letter No. 33-07/2024-NDM-I dated 28/11/2024 from the Ministry of Home Affairs
 - 4 Letter No. CEIA/6452/2024-PL3 dated 15/03/2025 from Chief Engineer, Irrigation
 - 5 G.O(Rt)No. 268/2025/WRD dated 18/03/2025
 - 6 G.O.(Rt)No.290/2025/WRD dated, 25/03/2025
 - 7 G.O.(Rt)No.315/2025/DMD dated 13/05/2025
 - 8 G.O(Rt)No. 468/2025/WRD dated 14/05/2025
 - 9 G.O.(Rt)No.339/2025/DMD dated 19/05/2025
 - 10 Letter No.CEIA/6452/2024-PL3 dated 28.10.2025 of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Administration.
 - 11 Letter No.CEIA/6452/2024-PL-3 dated 04.11.2025 of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Administration

ORDER

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as per letter read as 3rd paper above has informed that, based on the memorandum of Government of Kerala, requesting for central assistance in the wake of the landslide, flash flood of 2024, the High Level Committee (HLC) in it's meeting held on 16th November 2024 had considered the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee (SC-NEC) thereon and the extant items & norms of

assistance from SDRF/NDRF and had approved assistance for the clearance of debris subject to actual utilization of heavy equipments / machineries for clearing debris from the affected areas within the vicinity of Meppadi Grama Panchatath. Besides as per SDRF Guidelines vide GO read as 2nd paper above under the head - Minor Irrigation schemes, it is stipulated that "In case of repairs of minor irrigation works, including removal of vegetative material - building material / debris from canal and drainage system, assistance will be given as per the Schedule of Rates (SoR), for repairs notified by the concerned State. Hence payments related to the works in connection with the de silting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders can be met from the Head of Account 2245-02-122-99- F Repair/ replacement of damaged irrigation works.

2)As per G.O read as 5th paper above Government had accorded Administrative Sanction for the DPRs of the below mentioned four works to be carried out in the landslide affected area- Punnapuzha in Meppadi Grama Panchayath in Wayanad district for an amount of Rs.195,55,00,000/- (Rupees One Hundred and Ninety Five Crore and Fifty Five lakh only) on the basis of the estimate prepared and forwarded by the Chief Engineer Irrigation & Administration as per letter read as 4th paper above after conducting a joint inspection to the site Punnapuzha river.

Sl No.	Name of Work	Amount
1	De-silting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders	Rs. 50,05,00,000/-
2	River Training works to Punnapuzha river	Rs.140,70,00,000/-
3	Sub Soil investigation, rock testing and Terrestrial Laser Scanning along Punnapuzha river and run-out area	Rs.90,00,000/-
4	Monitoring, Forecasting and Alert systems	Rs.3,90,00,000/-
	Total	Rs.195,55,00,000/-

3)As per G.O read as 7th paper above, Government had accorded sanction for an amount of Rs.130.55 Crore (Rupees One Hundred and Thirty Crore and Fifty Five Lakh only) which is in addition to the amount of Rs.65 Crores sanctioned under SASCI scheme, from Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) for the River Rejuvenation

and Debris Clearance works of landslide affected Punnapuzha in Meppadi Grama Panchayath in Wayanad district.

4)As per, G.O read as 6th paper above, the works related to debris removal and river rejuvenation & training was awarded to M/s Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS) on nomination basis for executing the works mentioned in Sl. No.1,2 & 3 in para 2 above.

5) As per G.O read as 8th paper above, Government had approved the process and procedure of the work "De-silting and removal of debris and boulders". As per the condition No.9 therein, it was stipulated that 20% of the AS amount as interest free advance on the issue of work order shall be provided to the contractor on demand and the same will be deducted according to the prevailing Government order from the EPC payment cycle".

6)As per G.O read as 9th paper above, a component of the work mentioned in Sl. No. 1 in para 2 above namely - "De-silting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders" amounting to Rs. 50.05 crores was excluded from the works to be completed from CMDRF, since it is fully reimbursable under SDRF.

7) The Clause 17.2.1 of the EPC Contract signed between the Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Circle, Kozhikode and M/s Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS) on 27.10.2025, stipulates that contractor is eligible for 20% of the contract price as advance as per G.O read as 1st paper above subject to the condition that the advance payments shall be done on demand after signing the agreement.

8) In the G.O read as 1st paper above, which prescribes the selection of Government Accredited Agencies, the procedure for execution of Public Works, the provisions relating to payment to the contractor and the release of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) charges, it is inter alia stipulated that if the accredited agency is permitted to execute the work directly (Non PMC), advance payment upto 20% of value of work may be released (as advance payment) which should be adjusted in the subsequent part bills on pro-rata basis. As per the agreement M/s ULCCS is permitted by the Irrigation Department to execute the work

directly (Non PMC).

9) The Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Administration in his letter read as 10th paper above has requested that the 20% advance payment for the work "Desilting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders" may be transferred to the STSB Account of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sulthan Bathery for making the payment to the contractor.

10) The estimate cost of the work -"De silting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders" is Rs. 50.05 Crore. The applicable mobilization advance at 20% amounts to Rs.10.01 Crore (Rs. Ten Crore and One Lakh only).

11) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to release an amount of Rs. 10,01,00,000/- (20% of Rs. 50,05,00,000/-) from SDRF, as mobilization advance of the work "De-silting of Punnapuzha river and removal of boulders" from the Head of Account 2245-02-122-99- F-Repair/ replacement of damaged irrigation works to the STSB Account Number 799012700001757 in Sub Treasury, Sulthan Bathery of Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad for making payment to the contractor.

12) The Finance Officer, Disaster Management Department, shall take necessary steps to transfer the amount to the STSB account of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Sultan Bathery for making payment to the contractor. The expenditure details in this regard should be uploaded in the NDMIS portal and utilization certificate should be furnished to Government by the Executive Engineer, MI Division, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad district.

(By order of the Governor)
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