GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

State Road Improvement Program (SRIP) – Approval of Investigation Estimate for the preparation of Revised DPR of Karamana–Vellarada Road as 4-Lane under Upgradation Package of RICK Ltd. – Administrative Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

PUBLIC WORKS (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.279/2026/PWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 25-02-2026

Read 1 G.O.(MS)No.91/2012/PWD dated 06/12/2012
2 G.O.(Rt)No.355/2016/PWD dated 15.02.2016
3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 05.03.2025
4 Letter No.MDRICK-TVM/29/2022-AC-PWD dated 14.10.2025 from the Managing Director, Road Infrastructure Company Kerala

ORDER

Administrative Sanction was accorded for the development of 551 km of roads under the Rehabilitation Package (excluding land acquisition) of the State Road Improvement Program (SRIP), implemented through Road Infrastructure Development Company Kerala Ltd. (RICK Ltd.), at an approximate cost of ₹892.11 crore from the State Budget under the Head of Account "5054-80-800-69–SRIP (Plan)", as per the Government Order read as 1st paper above.

2. Sanction was also included for the development of roads under the Upgradation Package of the State Road Improvement Program (SRIP), which involves land acquisition, by availing financial assistance from appropriate funding sources. Accordingly, three roads under the SRIP Upgradation Package were taken up by RICK Ltd. with funding from KIIFB. However, the Karamana–Vellarada Road included in the Upgradation Package of SRIP has not been covered under KIIFB or any other funding source.

3. Subsequently, as per the G.O. read as 2nd paper above, sanction was accorded for land acquisition for the Karamana–Vellarada Road (35.5 km) for an amount of ₹21.44 crore, along with ₹7.507 crore

towards establishment and contingency charges for land acquisition. Out of this, an amount of ₹1.0724 crore was remitted to the Special Tahsildar (LA), NH, Thiruvananthapuram on 30.01.2019. Boundary stones have been laid along the entire stretch from Km 0/000 to Km 35/500. Notification under Section 11(1) has been published for the reach from Km 0/000 to Km 5/500. Expert Committee meetings were conducted and reports received for the 2nd and 3rd reaches, and structural valuation for the first reach (5.50 km) has been completed. The Special Tahsildar has requested an amount of ₹120 crore for publishing the Section 19(1) notification for the first stretch (Karamana–Kundamanbhagam).

4. In the meeting convened by the Secretary, PWD on 05.03.2025, the DPR prepared by RICK Ltd., based on traffic and other data collected more than twelve years earlier, was scrutinised and evaluated. The meeting also considered the necessity of developing a minimum four-lane road up to Peyad in view of the Comprehensive Mobility Plan associated with the proposed Thiruvananthapuram Metro Rail Project, the Outer Area Growth Corridor proposed at Kattakada, and the Thiruvananthapuram Outer Ring Road from Vizhinjam to Navaikulam being implemented by NHAI, which intersects this road near Kattakada. The meeting further observed that the existing DPR does not incorporate updated concepts relating to road safety, common utility ducts and smart road features.

5. Accordingly, the meeting decided to prepare a revised DPR for the development of the Karamana–Vellarada Road with four-laning from Karamana to Kattakada and two-laning from Kattakada to Vellarada, incorporating provisions such as utility ducts, futuristic planning components, smart road concepts, bus bays, street lighting, and all necessary road safety features. The revised DPR shall be prepared after conducting necessary traffic surveys, topographic surveys, and other investigation works, taking into account the Comprehensive Mobility Plan prepared by KMRL and based on detailed cost–benefit analysis.

6. Accordingly, the Managing Director, RICK Ltd. submitted an estimate for carrying out the investigation works for an amount of ₹1,08,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh only), based on the DSoR

2021, inclusive of 18% GST and Cost Index 147.66, prepared by RIQCL, the Design Wing of PWD. The Managing Director, RICK Ltd. has also requested Administrative Sanction for an amount of ₹1,08,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh only) towards the investigation estimate for the Karamana–Vellarada Road.

7. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of ₹1,08,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh only) under the Head of Account "5054-80-800-69–PV" for carrying out the investigation works for the Karamana–Vellarada Road included in the Upgradation Package under SRIP, implemented through RICK Ltd., for the preparation of a revised DPR proposing four-laning from Karamana to Kattakada and two-laning from Kattakada to Vellarada. The revised DPR shall incorporate utility ducts, futuristic planning components, smart road concepts, bus bays, street lighting and all necessary road safety features, after conducting required traffic surveys, topographic surveys and investigation works, taking into account the Comprehensive Mobility Plan prepared by KMRL, the Outer Area Growth Corridor proposed at Kattakada, and the Outer Ring Road from Vizhinjam to Navaikulam being implemented by NHAI, based on detailed cost–benefit analysis.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:
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The Chief Engineer (Roads/Design/Administration), PWD, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Road Fund Board (KRFB), Thiruvananthapuram.
The District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation.
The Managing Director, Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. (KMRL), Kochi.
The Accountant General (Audit & A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Finance Department (U.O. No. 3322635/I&PWB1/294/2025-FIN dated 07.02.2026).

The Transport Department.
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