

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Department of Tourism - Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme - Entrusting the Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS) with the execution of the projects selected under SASCI Scheme under the Non-PMC route-Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

TOURISM (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.4/2025/TSM Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27-03-2025

- Read 1. G.O(P) No.67/2021/FIN dated 28.04.2021
 - 2. G.O(P) No.104/2022/FIN dated 02.09.2022.
 - 3. Office Memorandum F.No.44(1)PF-S/2024-25(CAPEX)(Pt) dated 26.11.2024 of Department of Expenditure MoF,GOI.
 - 4. Office Memorandum F.No.44(1)PF-S/2024-25/Part-III-SACE-10) dated 26.11.2024. of Department of Expenditure, MoF,GOI.
 - 5. G.O(Ms) No.24/2024/TSM dated 24.12.2024
 - 6. G.O(Rt) No.509/2025/FIN dated 19.01.2025
 - 7. Letter No.DOT/3382/2024-P3 dated 10.01.2025 and 04.02.2025.
 - 8. G.O(Rt) No.69/2025/TSM dated 07.02.2025

ORDER

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, launched scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) - Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale scheme to infuse long term interest free loans for a period of 50 years to States for the comprehensive development of iconic tourist centres and for marketing them at global scale. The scheme envisages local economic growth and the creation of employment opportunities through sustainable tourism projects.

(2) As per the Office Memorandum read as 3rd above, Ministry of Finance, Government of India have sanctioned an amount of ₹155.05 crore for the two capital projects namely:

- (i)'Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco Recreational Hub Kollam'- ₹59.71 crore and
- (ii) 'Sargalaya Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible' -₹95.34 crore
- under part III (Development of Iconic Tourist Centers to Global Scale) of the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) to the State of Kerala 2024-25.
- (3) Further, as per the Office Memorandum read as 4th above ,an amount of ₹ 10233.30 Lakhs was released as the first installment for the above projects and vide paper read as 5th above, Government have notified SASCI Nodal Agency (SNA) for the State and constituted a State Mission Directorate for SASCI.
- (4) Subsequently vide paper read as 6th above, the additional expenditure was authorized under the major Head(s) of Account 5452-01-101-81-(01) and 5452-01-101-81-(02) Capital Outlay On Tourism, Tourist Infrastructure, Tourist Centre, SASCI for the two sanctioned projects.
- (5) As per the guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, the projects under the scheme has to be developed and completed within March 2026, otherwise the State Government will have to allocate funds to complete the projects under the scheme. This warrants the service of a competent accredited agency.
- (6) Clause 5.2 of the order read as 1st above, itself specifies that if there are circumstances warranting the services of accredited agencies like specialized nature of work, time limits fixed by the funding agency, heavy work load of the designated agency etc. the Administrative Department may seek the services of a competent accredited agency for the work.
- (7) Moreover, Clause 6.1 of the order read as 1st above, prescribe that

the Administrative Department shall clearly specify whether the work is entrusted as a PMC for execution through the contractors selected through transparent bidding process or as Non PMC for direct execution by the agency.

- (8) As per the letter read as 7th above ,the Director, Department of Tourism, had requested the Government to give clear directions on whether the execution of the projects selected under SASCI needs to be carried out under the PMC route for execution through the contractors selected through bidding process or as Non PMC for direct execution by the agency.
- (9) After examining the matter in detail and taking into account the exigency, the Government have accorded administrative sanction for the direct execution of the aforesaid projects under the Non PMC route as per the the order read as 8th above.
- (10) The order read as 2nd above specifies the list of the Accredited Agencies which are eligible to execute Public Works under the Non PMC route along with the maximum value of single works that can be implemented by them and their respective area of accreditation. Among the listed agencies, the lone eligible Non PMC agency for entrusting the public works costing more than ₹40 crores is M/s Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society (ULCCS).
- (11) Government have examined the matter in detail. In order to complete the projects under SASCI in a time bound manner, the Government are pleased to entrust M/s Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (ULCCS) with the execution of the two projects approved by Government of India namely;

(i)'Ashtamudi Biodiversity and Eco Recreational Hub Kollam'-₹59.71 crore and

(ii) 'Sargalaya Global Gateway to Malabar's Cultural Crucible' - ₹95.34 crore,

under the respective head of accounts as authorized in the order read as 6th above and subject to the conditions stipulated in the order read as 1st above and to the conditions stated below;

(i) Technical Sanction for both works shall be issued by the Government TS Committee chaired by the Secretary (Tourism) and comprising of Chief Engineer (PWD Buildings) and Executive Engineer (Tourism).

- (ii) The roles of Clients Engineer in the order read as 1st above shall be assigned to the Executive Engineer & Assistant Executive Engineer now working on deputation basis in the Tourism Department.
- (iii) The Centage charges payable to M/s ULCSS to be regulated at the rates proportionate to the PMC scope of work entrusted as per the stipulations in the order read as 1st above.
- (15) The Director, Tourism shall take necessary steps to ensure the completion of the projects within the time limits and comply with all other guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tourism in connection with the SASCI scheme.

(By order of the Governor)
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SPECIAL SECRETARY

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