

**Minutes of the 429th meeting of Kerala Water Authority held on 05/11/2022 at
10.30 AM (Through video Conference)**

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| Present | |
| 1.Sri. Pranabjyoti Nath IAS | Chairman, Kerala Water Authority & Secretary, Water Resources & Coastal Shipping & Inland Navigation Department |
| 2. Sri. Venkatesapathy S. IAS | Managing Director, KWA & Executive Director, KRWSA |
| 3. Sri. Sreekumar G. | Technical Member, KWA |
| 4. Adv. Jose Joseph | Member |
| 5. Sri. Shaji Pamboori | Member |
| 6. Sri. Ushalayam Sivarajan | Member |
| 7. Smt. Sheeja R.S | Member |
| 8.Smt.Tixy S Nelson | Joint Secretary, LSGD |
| 9.D. Santhosh | Joint Secretary, Finance |
| 10. Smt. Sheeja Rani C.R | Additional Secretary (WRD) Secretary, KWA |
| | At the outset, the Managing Director welcomed all the members to the meeting and informed that the 429 th Board meeting was envisaged to discuss mainly the progress of JJM Projects. |
| ITEM NO. I | CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 428th MEETING HELD ON 13/10/2022. |
| Deliberations | MD informed that in page No. 11 in respect of item No. IX(5), resolution number is missing and the minutes can be approved by sequentially adding the resolution number against that item. |
| Decision | The Authority approved the minutes of 428 th meeting of the authority by sequentially adding resolution number for item No IX(5) (Resolution No. given- 11254) |

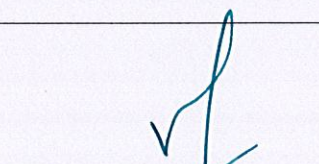

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| ITEM NO. II | IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION(JJM) PROJECTS- PROGRESS REPORTING TO THE BOARD-REG. |
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| Deliberations | <p>MD informed that, a power point presentation for JJM Project review has been prepared by JJM SPMU.</p> <p>MD informed that Hon'ble Water Resources Minister, Chairman KWA and MD,JJM & MD,KWA had visited districts directly to evaluate JJM.</p> <p>It could be seen that though sufficient personnel have been granted under SPMU, DPMU, several of the activities in field offices like design, scrutiny, TS,data updation etc are not done effectively.</p> <p>The District Collectors being the chair of DWSM have to form proper DPMU and ensure that the targets are achieved properly.</p> <p>Many JJM related works were noted as still pending in the office of CE, SE & EEs.</p> <p>The MD told that, two important aspects are to be dealt with based on the findings during site visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aspect is to identify the issues before Minister's meeting. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">KWA SPMU team should attend one day in advance when meeting will be organized at Minister's level. 2 Nos. Ministers' staff and 2 staff from KWA side should sit together to scrutinize and identify the issues Panchayat wise to be taken up at Minister's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second aspect is to reduce the pending bills to maximum 200 in a week in every district. <p>It was pointed out by the MD that, if 100 FHTC are pending for payment which means 50 lakhs bills are pending. Directions were given to district collectors to reduce the bills to 200/week. DPMU has to strictly monitor that.</p> |


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The following points were noted by the authority.

1.Overall Status

- JJM Project was announced in 2019 and it was undertaken in Kerala in June 2020.
- Before starting JJM Projects, there were 17.49 Lakh FHTCs from 70.69 L rural households (24.74%)
- It was envisaged to provide 21.42 L connection during 20-21 incorporating the target of previous year (2019-2020)@ 10 L where in 4.04 L connections could be provided. The back log (17.38) was carried to 2021-2022 and the target was revised as 29.38 Lakhs. Out of that 6.64 L connection could be provided and the target of 2022-23 was revised by incorporating the backlog (22.74 L) as 32.97 L out of which 3.35 L connection could be provided as FHTC and 1.06.L Provided as HTC. For making the HTC in to FHTC, production components of various schemes are to be completed. The target for 2023-24 was noted as 9.54 L
- Mission period was noted as 5 years ending in 2024.
- Administrative Sanction to the tune of Rs. 40694.13 Cr. was obtained through 5 State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee(SLSSC) for 53,34,736 FHTCs.
- The State Water Sanitation Mission (SWSM) chaired by the Chief Secretary met 6 times to clear up the projects.
- Amount has been set apart in JJM Project for Water Quality


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surveillance and Support activities.

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| AS accorded(FHTC)- | 53.35L |
| TS(FHTC) - | 45.53 L |
| Tendered (FHTC)- | 38.04 L |
| Wok Awarded(FHTC)- | 30.78 L |
| FHTC given- | 14.03.L |
| HTC - | 1.06 L. |

MD Pointed out the following.

- *AS-TS gap is around 8 Lakh and without making the said gap zero, we cannot move forward and all measures taken will be in vain.*
- *CE& SE should ensure that conditional TS are issued before 30/11/2022.*
- *TS-Tender gap is also around 7 Lakh. The land issues were noted with some projects only.*
- *Price3 updation also poses issues and it need to be addressed at government level.*
- *The chairman informed that strict action as per the suggestion form Board Members will be taken against the officers who do not follow the already given directions.*

The managing director insisted the following

- *AS-TS gap should be made zero by 2022November 30th .*
- *TS-tender gap should me be made zero by 2022 November30th for all projects except those having issues related to land*
- *Tender-Award gap should be minimized in such a way that the cases with high quote should be submitted to the Government and*


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others should be in awarded stage.

The Managing Director expressed displeasure against SPMU unit for not conducting scheme wise analysis for identifying the specific issues is consultation with District Collectors.

(2)Financial Progress

- It was noted that Rs. 551.64 Cr. was obtained as first tranche of first installment from Central share and equivalent share of Rs.538.76 Cr. from state Government. Total expenditure was noted as 1359.61Cr.

Managing Director opined that 2nd tranche from the first installment can be availed by November 15th 2022, by expending 15. crore/day, next tranche can be claimed by January 2023 and full amount can be availed by March 2023

(3)Target wise achievement

It was noted that overall target achievement for 2022-23 is only 10%. In 7 districts (Idukki, Kasargod, Wayanad, Pathanamthitta, Palakkad, Alappuzha,Kozhikkodu), the overall achievement of targets were noted as less than 10% .

Managing Director warned that if we proceed in this pace, we will not be able to achieve even 50% of the target within mission period.

The Chairman remarked that target achieved is very poor even after allowing sufficient freedom of operation and support from management. Managing Director informed that local issues to be taken up before the constituency meetings of MLAs. Scheme wise progress should be discussed in constituency wise meeting of Honorable MLA's . AEE allotted to MLAs should ensure that meeting is done in all constituencies.


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Managing Director gave Strict direction to DCE(PIU-3) for delay in preparing scheme wise details of pending issues in respect of AS-TS gap, TS-Tender gap and SPMU team should prepare scheme wise list of such pending issues and should hand over the list to District Collector and to Publish the same in Website.

Managing Director informed that around 21Lakhs connection are still remaining in paper (not yet awarded) which invites serious concern.

Managing Director urged to take urgent actions by KWA Officials to make all the awarded FHTC (1816152) to HTCs wherever it cannot be materialized to provide as FHTC.

Each District Collector should be intimated regarding the monthly FHTC & HTC target to be achieved by preparing district wise list by SPMU unit for which a letter has to be sent from Managing Director, JJM urgently.

(4) Status of Bill Payment

- It was noted that bill amounting to Rs.85 Cr. from around 14,511 connections is pending with KWA.

The Managing Director informed that for availing the new installment, pending bills should be settled. SPMU should strictly monitor this to make the pending bills down to 200 Nos./district

(5) Har Ghal Jal (HGJ) certification

- In Har Ghal Jal certification, out of 33 villages reported, 25 Nos GHI certification obtained and for the remaining 8 Nos, Certification is to be obtained.

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- It was noted that in 6 districts viz Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Kozhikkodu, Vayanadu, Kasargode, Malappuram, none of the villages got HGJ certification.

The Managing Director remarked that special attention is needed for those districts with zero HGL certification. Director, Panchayat to be addressed urgently.

(6) Details of Districts which require less than 150 FHTCs for achieving 100%

- It was noted that in 5 districts (Kannur, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Kollam, Ernakulam) 11 Panchayaths were identified which require less than 150 FHTCs to be provided for achieving 100% saturation.

Managing director directed SPMU should closely monitor those Panchayats and reason associated with each project for not achieving 100% saturation should be enquired.

The Member Sri. Ushalaym Shivarajan informed that monitoring of JJMM works in Kollam district is not done properly. Roads are in dilapidated condition due to pipe laying works and public lost interest in JJM works.

Managing Director informed that an Assistant Executive Engineer is allotted for each MLA and one EE for the Honorable Minister for liaison work. The scheme details to be discussed in the presence of Honorable MLAs where member can also attend for citing such issues.

The Honorable Member Sri. Jose Joseph informed that the information regarding JJM meeting at Kasargod and Kannur were not intimated to him.

The Chairman gave strict direction to SPMU Members not to repeat such omission in future.


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The Managing Director Suggested to give information through Whats App Message/ Over Phone call also for the immediate attention of the members regarding the meetings.

(7) Status of Land Issues

- It was noted that 78% of Government land has been obtained for JJM works whereas only 31% of private land has been obtained.

The Chairman remarked that Alappuzha could obtain 76%, Kollam 72%, Palakkad 71% of private lands, then why can't other districts could not achieve good progress in private land acquisition. The Chairman insisted Scheme wise details of land in each district with specific reasons for not obtaining the land.

- It was noted that 48% of Forest land is to be obtained from 130 Locations. Application for 19 out of 81 location applied under Ooru koottam and sanction obtained for 3 Nos. Out of 49 locations, 8 applications submitted through e-Parivesh portal of which one number has been sanctioned.

The Managing Director enquired the reason for not applying through e-Parivesh Portal. It was informed that action will be taken against all SPMU officials up to CE(Projects & Operations) if actions are not taken within the time limit. The pending applications have to be uploaded urgently in e-Parivesh Portal before 30/11/2022.

(8) Status of Road cutting permissions

- It was noted that out of 68 locations, joint inspections were conducted for all the locations for NHAI permission, but permission was obtained for only 1 location.


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- In respect of PWD NH (MORTH) permission, out of 51 locations online applications were submitted for 34 locations and joint inspection were conducted for 27 locations. Permission was obtained for only 1 location.
- Out of 1757 applications for PWD road cutting approval, 167 applications were sanctioned.
- In respect of KRFB permission, out of 130 applications, permission was obtained only 10 locations.
- Regarding, RICK permission, out of 3 locations, sanction for all the 3 locations are pending.
- Regarding, KSTP permission, out of 30 applications, sanction obtained for 2 applications.

The Managing Director suggested that, a proper format should be prepared regarding applications submitted to other agencies incorporating the details such as date of application from KWA side, date of joint inspections, issues, date of demand notice, date of payment, sanction date etc. and close monitoring of schemes should be done by the JJM officials.

(9) Status of permission from Railway Authority

It was noted that, out of 51 locations, joint inspection was conducted in 28 locations and sanction obtained only for one location.

MD reminded that proper follow up action through District Collectors should be done for obtaining permission from Railway.

(10) Status of Panchayath & beneficiary share

GOK has directed that 15% of Project Cost will be Panchayat share and 10% will be beneficiary contribution.

In respect of Panchayath share, out of RS. 6030.54 Cr, only **18.82** crore has

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been remitted so far. From the beneficiary side out of 4020.36Cr, only 0.033 Cr. was *obtained*.

Managing Director opined that proper awareness shall be given to the public through ISA including Kudumbasree. Being a policy matter, proper decision regarding O&M of JJM works (KWA& Panchayath) to be taken for which Government should be addressed based on Board Decision after obtaining decision from Panchayat.

The Authority noted that the overall progress of the JJM project is poor and far behind the targets and observed that strict measures are to be taken on war foot basis to achieve the desired progress for completing the projects within the mission period.

Res. No.
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After detailed discussion, the authority resolved the following.

1. Action will be taken against the officials concerned for not appointing volunteers as per rules and not sticking on to the stipulated time frame.
2. District vice and scheme vice details in respect of every JJM project should be made and the issues related with the project should be taken by the JJM officials to the constituency wise meeting.
3. District Collectors shall be addressed immediately informing the allocation of connections to be provided in their respective districts. Immediate actions to be taken for making the allocated targets into HTCs & then to FHTC
4. Proper centralized monitoring from SPMU team shall be ensured for every District wise - scheme wise details.
5. Proper format shall be maintained for road cutting permission from


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| | <p>NHAI, PWD, RICK, Railways etc. Incorporating the details of date of application & joint inspection with respect to cutting permission, details of issues, date of demand notice, payment details, sanctioned date etc.</p> <p>6. Specific reason for not receiving land for the project to be obtained from the officials concerned having delay in acquiring major lands for the projects. Time line of actions taken shall also be made available.</p> <p>7. Government to be addressed after taking a decision on Board regarding O&M of JJM projects after obtaining decision from Panchayaths</p> <p>Action By Name: CE(P & O) Time Limit:430th meeting of KWA. Monitored by: Technical Member</p> |
| <p>ITEM NO. III</p> | <p>RECRUITMENT OF IT CONTRACT STAFF FOR ITPROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS EXTENDABLE UP TO FURTHER 2 YEARS</p> |
| <p>Deliberations</p> | <p>The authority noted that as per the current rules, contract appointments can be done for one year only and can be extended for another year, if the Head of the Department agrees based on the performance. Any future extension can be done by the government only.</p> <p>It was also noted that as IT project is highly essential for an organization like KWA governed by digital mode. MD specified that good talent will remain if there is longevity in duration. The authority observed that, as more than three years time period is required for the completion of IT projects, and to facilitate business continuity, contract staff are to be appointed for minimum 3 years.</p> <p>The chairman informed that for continuing the service of contract staff</p> |


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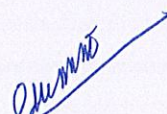
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| <p>തീരുമാനം</p> | <p>വ്യക്തികൾ കൈയ്യേറ്റം നടത്തുന്നതായി ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും ആയതു തടയുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും ബഹു. ബോർഡ് അംഗം ശ്രീ. ഉഷാലയം ശിവരാജൻ അതോറിറ്റിയെ അറിയിച്ചു. നിലവിൽ അതിർ നിർണയിക്കപ്പെടാതെയാണ് ഭൂമി കിടക്കുന്നതെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി. വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ അധീനതയിൽ ഉള്ള ഭൂമി അളന്നു തിട്ടപ്പെടുത്തി അതിർത്തി വേലി സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി കൈക്കൊള്ളേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് മാനേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു.</p> <p>വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ അധീനതയിൽ ഉള്ള ഭൂമി അളന്നു തിട്ടപ്പെടുത്തി അതിർത്തി വേലി സ്ഥാപിച്ച് കേരള ജല അതോറിറ്റിയുടെ ബോർഡ് സ്ഥാപിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി കൈക്കൊള്ളുന്നതിന് എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് എൻജിനീയർക്ക് നിർദ്ദേശം നൽകുന്നതിന് വാട്ടർ അതോറിറ്റി സെക്രട്ടറിയെ യോഗം ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തി.</p> <p>Action By Name: Secretary, KWA Monitored by: CE HRD & GL Time Limit: 430th meeting of KWA.</p> |
| <p>GENERAL ITEM(2)</p> | <p>ഓൺലൈൻ സർവ്വീസുകൾ വ്യാപിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ക്യാഷ് കൗണ്ടറുകളുടെ എണ്ണം പരിമിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്</p> |
| <p>ചർച്ച</p> | <p>പ്രസ്തുത വിഷയം അതോറിറ്റിയിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്തു. 01/ 01 /2023 മുതൽ ഗാർഹിക കണക്ഷൻ ഒഴികെ ബാക്കി ഉള്ള കണക്ഷനുകളിലെ വാട്ടർ ചാർജ്ജ് ഓൺലൈൻ</p> |


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| <p>തിരുമാനം</p> | <p>ആയി മാത്രം അടക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഗവർണ്മെന്റ് ഉത്തരവ് ലഭ്യമായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും, ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ശമ്പള പരിഷ്കരണ ഉത്തരവ് അനുസരിച്ച്, ഓൺലൈൻ സർവീസ് വ്യാപിപ്പിച്ചതിനാൽ cash handling charge നിർത്തലാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും collection center -കൾ ഒരു ക്യാമ്പസ് / കോമ്പൗണ്ടിൽ ഒന്നിൽ കൂടുതൽ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഒന്ന് നിലനിർത്തേണ്ടതാണെന്നും അക്ഷയ സെന്ററുകൾ കളക്ഷൻ സെന്ററുകൾക്ക് അടുത്തുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ടി കളക്ഷൻ സെന്റർ നിർത്തലാക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നും മാനേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു. ഓൺലൈൻ സർവീസ് സൗകര്യം വ്യാപിപ്പിച്ച സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ഡൊമസ്റ്റിക് കൺസ്യൂമേഴ്സിനും നിശ്ചിത തുകക്ക് മുകളിൽ അടക്കേണ്ടത് ഓൺലൈൻ മാത്രമായി നിജപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതാണെന്നും മാനേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി . അധിക ക്യാഷ് കൗണ്ടറുകൾ ക്ലോസ് ചെയ്യാത്തത് കൊണ്ട് ഓൺലൈൻ വഴി പണം അടക്കുന്നതിലേക്ക് പബ്ലിക് എത്തുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും ഓൺലൈൻ ഇടപാടുകളിൽ കുറവുണ്ടാകുന്നതായും മാനേജിങ് ഡയറക്ടർ ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി. കളക്ഷൻ സെന്ററുകൾ അടക്കുന്നത് വഴി വരുന്ന ജീവനക്കാരെ JJM പ്രവർത്തനവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ജോലികൾക്കു വിനിയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതാണെന്ന് ടെക്നിക്കൽ മെമ്പർ ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി.</p> <p>1 . 01/ 01 /2023 മുതൽ ഗാർഹിക ഉപഭോക്താക്കൾക്ക് ഒഴികെയുള്ള കണക്ഷനിലെ വാട്ടർ ചാർജ്ജ് ഓൺലൈൻ വഴി മാത്രമെ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ.</p> <p>2 500 രൂപ വരെയുള്ള ഗാർഹിക ഉപഭോക്താക്കൾക്ക് മാത്രമേ ഓൺലൈൻ സൗകര്യത്തിനു പുറമെ ക്യാഷ് കൗണ്ടറുകൾ വഴി വാട്ടർ ചാർജ്ജ് അടക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സൗകര്യം ലഭ്യമാക്കുകയുള്ളൂ .</p> <p>3. കൂടുതൽ കളക്ഷൻ സെന്ററുകൾ ഒരു ക്യാമ്പസ്/കോമ്പൗണ്ടിൽ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഒരേണ്ണം നിലനിർത്തേണ്ടതാണ്.</p> <p>4. അക്ഷയ കേന്ദ്രത്തിനു അടുത്തായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന കളക്ഷൻ</p> |
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5. മുകളിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന ((1)മുതൽ (4) വരെ) തീരുമാനങ്ങൾക്ക് വിരുദ്ധമായി കളക്ഷൻ സെന്ററുകൾ വഴി പണം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർക്കെതിരെ കടുത്ത ശിക്ഷാ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

6. ക്യാഷ് കൗണ്ടറുകൾ നിർത്തലാക്കുന്നതു വഴി വരുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരെ ജലജീവൻ മിഷനുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട വിഭാഗത്തിലേക്ക് ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ (HRD&GL) പുനർ വിന്യസിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

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