

Minutes of 116th Steering Committee of Kerala State Transport Project

Date & Time : 30th October 2020 at 05.00 PM

Place : Online Meeting

Present:

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1. **Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS**
Chief Secretary
 2. **Sri. Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS**
Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department
 3. **Sri. T.K. Jose IAS**
Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department
 4. **Dr. A. Jayathilak IAS**
Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
 5. **Sri. K.R. Jyothilal IAS**
Principal Secretary, Transport Department
 6. **Sri. Anand Singh IAS**
Secretary, Public Works Department
 7. **Sri. Aravintha Babu P.K**
Secretary, Law Department
 8. **Dr. Dinesh Arora IAS**
Project Director, KSTP
 9. **Smt. Darlene Carmelita D'Cruz**
Chief Engineer (Projects), KSTP
 10. **Sri. Ajith Ramachandran**
Chief Engineer (Roads), PWD

Item No. 01 : Confirmation of 115th Steering Committee Minutes

: Confirmed.

Item No. 02 : Action taken report on the decision of the 115th Steering Committee.

: The steering committee noted the action taken report.

Item No. 03 : Extension of time

A) Extension of time for completion of the work-KSTP-II- Construction of Thiruvalla Bypass along Chengannur- Ettumanur Road from Design chainage km 7+390 to km 9+400 – Balance works.

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The balance works of construction of Thiruvalla Bypass along Chengannur- Ettumanur Road from Design chainage km 7+390 to km 9+400 was awarded to the contractor M/s GHV India Pvt. Ltd. for a contract amount of Rs. 37,03,87,635/-. The contract agreement was signed on 29th December 2019 and Notice to proceed was issued on 07th January 2019.

As per contract conditions the intended completion date for the whole of the works shall be 9 months including monsoon season from the commencement date, i.e. on 06th October 2019.

The 109th Steering Committee held on 04.11.2019 had approved the extension of time for the work as follows:

- (i) KM 0+000 to Km 1+730 (Mallappally road crossing) upto 31.12.2019
- (ii) For the whole project including the viaduct and its approaches from Km 1+730 (Mallappally road crossing) to Km 2+300 upto 30.04.2020

Further, the 113th Steering Committee meeting held on 24th July 2020 had approved the extension of time for the balance work upto 30.09.2020 considering the Covid-19 pandemic, labor migration and lockdown. It is also specified that if the works are not completed by 30.09.2020, the decision on proportionate LD shall be taken after the target date.

But, the contractor failed to complete the work within the approved time, i.e. upto 30.09.2020. The contractor vide letter no. GHV/TVLA/2020/615 dated 12th October 2020 has requested to extend the time of completion up to 31.01.2021 stating various issues in completing the work, which are explained below: [Extension request submitted by the contractor is enclosed as **Annexure-2 (Page No -71)**].

- a) Due to outbreak of pandemic disease
- b) Heavy rain extended up to September last

Remarks of the Team Leader in Charge

The Team Leader in Charge vide letter no. EI/1A/TLO/3787 dated 15th October 2020 has provided the details of current status of the work as mentioned below:[Letter submitted by the Engineer is enclosed as **Annexure-2(a)(Page No -79)**]

Status of Works

Minor Bridge at Km. 0+390 - Completed

Flyover at Km. 1+300 - Completed

Viaduct from Km. 1+786 to Km. 2+013

- Piling works completed. Total 60 nos done.
- Pile caps completed at all locations.
- Pier & Pier cap completed at all locations.
- Out of the 36 girders, casting completed for 35 nos. and 24 has been erected in 6 spans (A2-P8, P8-P7, P7-P6, P6-P5, P5-P4 & P4-P3). Deck slab work in progress

Road works - 1.70 Km Completed

- BC work from Km. 0+000 to Km.1+700 has been completed. Balance length will be initiated on completion of viaduct work.
- Gabion Wall Work in progress from Km:2+060 to Km:2+100
- RE Wall work is in progress from Km:2+015 to Km:2+060
- L Wall work at Viaduct A1 side approach, LHS is partially completed. 7m balance.
- RCC Drain connection work from Km:2+300 to Km:2+350 is in progress. RCC Drain from Km:1+740 to Km:1+780, LHS not yet started.
- RR Masonry work in service road towards Private stand at Km:1+120 is in progress.



- Cross drain work under flyover across PWD road is balance. RCC drain work partially completed.
- Pipe culvert work at Km: 2+185 not yet started.

Further remarks made by the Engineer with regard to the extension of the work are as follows:

- a) The Engineer has stated that the delay occurred beyond the extended time is due to the defaults of the contractor like
 - i) Delayed mobilization of required resources like men, machinery and materials
 - ii) Poor site management and lack of co-ordination of project activities
- b) As per contract clause 42.1 of GCC, the monsoon season is not an event listed in the compensation events. Hence, this event cannot be considered as a delay event which the contractor is eligible for gaining EOT recommendation.
- c) The Engineer has stated that the completion date recommended was in the peak monsoon season and it was difficult for the contractor to complete all remaining works, particularly the embankment and pavement works in the portion from Km 1+700 to Km 2+300.
- d) As per the programme submitted by the contractor along with the application for time extension, the date of completion and opening to traffic is proposed on 10.01.2021. The contractor needs to mobilize more resources for achieving this target.
- e) Finally, it is concluded that an early completion of the work is not expected and requested Employer to review the status and to decide whether to deduct proportionate liquidated damage and to grant any additional period for the project completion beyond the period of 30th September 2020.

Resolution No.1

Considering the recommendations of the Team Leader in charge, the Steering Committee by consensus resolved to grant extension of time for completion up-to 31st December 2020 and impose delay damages as per the contract agreement conditions for works which are delayed due to reasons attributable to the contractor. No more extension will be granted beyond 31st December 2020. Beyond 31st December, LD will be imposed on the whole work.

