



KERALA ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority

Date : 24.06.2020
Time : 3.00 pm
Venue : "LAYAM" HALL, Annex -II Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram.

List of participants:

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Shri .A.K Saseendran	Minister for Transport
2	Shri. Dr.Vishwas Mehta IAS	Chief Secretary
3	Sri. N. Shanker Reddy IPS	Road Safety Commissioner
4	Sri. K. R. Jyothilal IAS	Principal Secretary, Transport
5	Sri. Rathan.U.Kelkar IAS	State Mission Director, National Health Mission
6	Sri. M R Ajithkumar, IPS	Transport Commissioner
7	Sri.R.Rajasekharan Nair	Special Secretary, Home Department
8	Sri.Ramesh G.R,	Deputy Secretary Health & family Department
9	Smt.Raseena Beegam	Deputy Secretary Finance
10	Sri. Jayakumar.S.	Under Secretary LAW Department
11	Sri.Ajith Ramachandran	Chief Engineer (Roads)
12	Sri.Ashok Kumar M	Chief Engineer (NH)
13	Sri.Rajeev Puthalath	Joint Transport Commissioner
14	Sri.Krishna kumar	SP Traffic South Zone
15	Dr.Santha.K.K.	Deputy DHS Health Service
16	Prof (Dr.) Samson Mathew	Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC
17	Sri. Aji Philip	Joint Secretary, General Education Department
18	Sri.Lakshman Gugulloth IPS	Inspector General of Police (Traffic & Road Safety Management)
19	Sri. K.Unnikrishnan Unnithan	Member, KRSA

**Minutes of the 42nd KRSA Meeting held on 24/06/2020 under the chairmanship of
Hon'ble Minister (Transport)**

The meeting started at 3.00 PM with Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority in chair. The chairman welcomed all members and requested the Commissioner Road Safety to present the Agenda items one by one.

Agenda No. 1 & 2

Since there was no comments from the members, the minutes of the 40th meeting of KRSA held on 08.11.2019 and Action taken on the minutes including on the additional Agenda items are approved.

Agenda No –3 & 4

Since there were no remarks from the members, the minutes of the Adhoc KRSA meeting held on 01.01.2020 in connection with Road Safety Week-2020 and its Action Taken Report approved.

Agenda No – 5 & 6

The minutes of the 41st Special KRSA meeting held on 25.02.2020 in connection with Avinashi accident in Tamil Nadu and Action Taken Report on it are approved. The Chairman desired to pursue the follow up action of the Police and Motor Vehicle Department in this regard.

Agenda No – 7

Proposed Amendments to KRSA Act 2007

Ref: A1/342/KRSA/20

Decision:

The proposal to be scrutinised by Committee headed by the Transport Secretary comprising of officers representing PWD, Police, KRSA, MVD, Finance and Law department within two months

(Action – KRSA)

Agenda No – 8

Permission sought for carrying out immediate remedial measures at blackspot locations

Ref: A2/74/KRSA/15

Decision:

KRSA permitted, Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), to take immediate remedial measures on 98 priority Blackspots from unspent balance available for an amount of Rs.1,33,28,000/- and directed to furnish Status report and Utilization Certificate for the amount spent and return the balance amount if any to KRSA.

(Action – Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads))

Agenda No – 9

Camera Surveillance Systems –Repair and reinstallation of Traffic Enforcement System

Ref: A2/13/KRSA/2020

Decision:

The Authority approved Item Nos listed under 4 to 8 in the table of the proposal furnished by Transport Commissioner. The Chief Secretary suggested that all Digital enforcement related to purchase of equipments should be brought under single agency for effective coordination and recommend to KRSA/ Government for necessary action. He also suggested that a comprehensive maintenance contract should be ensured instead of AMC. The Authority decided to refer the Items No:1 to 3 for scrutiny of Sub-Committee headed by the Transport Secretary consisting of representatives of enforcement agencies and KRSA for appropriate recommendation.

The Authority sanctioned Items Nos 4 to 8 amounting to Rs. 50,37,127/- from Road Safety Fund.

(Action – KRSA/ MVD)

Agenda No – 10

Setting up of Facility for Corrective Course for Rash Drivers

Ref: A2/201/KRSA/2020

Decision:

The proposal submitted by Transport Commissioner for setting up of facility for conducting Corrective Course for Rash Drivers (CCRD) at Regional Transport Office, Alappuzha is approved and cost of **Rs. 1,54,250/-** is sanctioned from Road Safety Fund.

(Action – KRSA,MVD)

Agenda No – 11

Traffic Safety Works in Ettumanoor–Poonjar Highway (SH 32) at chainage 28/000 km near Marygiri.– (DRSC, Kottayam)

Ref: A2/522/KRSA/2020

Decision:

The proposal forwarded by District Road Safety Council Kottayam for an estimate of Rs.95,50,000/- is approved. The amount should be met from the Road Safety Fund.

(Action – KRSA/ DRSC, Kottayam)

Agenda No - 12

Road Safety improvements in Kozhikkode district

Ref: A2/1430/KRSA/19

Decision:

The proposal submitted by District Collector, Kozhikode for civil work providing free left at Malapparamba Junction in Kozhikode is declined. The remain two proposals such as shifting of traffic signal system from Thondiyad to Kalandithazham junctions at a cost of **Rs. 1,98,104/-** and providing Raised table top pedestrian crossing on NH766 and at NH66 at an estimated cost of **Rs. 37,96,000/-** are sanctioned from Road Safety Fund.

(Action – KRSA/ DRSC Kozhikode)

Agenda No – 13

Installation of traffic signal and blinkers in Karunagapally

Ref: A2/566/KRSA/18

Decision:

- i) The proposal for installation of traffic signal system at Vervanam Junction and five Solar Powered Traffic Blinkers for an estimated cost of Rs.8,85,990/- and Rs.3,00,000/- respectively are sanctioned from Road Safety Fund.
- ii) The Authority recommended that a centralised committee to look into the merit of the requirement of surveillance cameras case by case and take a policy decision for funding of Surveillance Cameras using Road Fund. Hence, the proposal regarding installation of Surveillance Cameras is declined.
- iii) The Authority has also approved the release of consultancy charge due to NATPAC for an amount of Rs.1,50,000/-

(Action – KRSA)

Agenda No – 14

Road Safety Works on NH-766 from Lakkidi to Kalpetta in Wayanad District

Ref: A2/1159/KRSA/19

Decision:

The proposal submitted by DRSC, Wayand for road safety works on NH766 from Lakkidi to Kalpetta is not recommended as MoRTH has already sanctioned road safety improvements on the same highway.

(Action – KRSA/ DRSC, Wayanad)

Agenda No – 15

Installation of Surveillance Cameras at Ranni- Sabarimala Road

Ref: A2/1035/KRSA/19

Decision:

The proposal submitted by DRSC, Pathanamthitta for installation of Surveillance Cameras on Sabarimala route in Ranni Constituency at an estimate cost of Rs.92,00,000/- is declined. KRSA suggested to constitute a centralised committee under Transport Secretary to examine the scheme of installation of Surveillance Cameras and decide case by case.

(Action – KRSA/ DRSC Pathanamthitta)

Agenda – 16

Installation of Traffic Signals, blinker light and Mini Mast light in Alappuzha – Consultancy fee for NATPAC

Ref: A1/362/KRSA/2018)

Decision:

KRSA sanctioned the cost of Rs. 5,36,690/- (including GST and other taxes) for the feasibility study conducted by NATPAC for the DRSC, Alapuzha regarding the installation of signal lights, warning blinkers and mini mast light from Road Safety Fund. KRSA also suggested NATPAC to supervise the project and ensure timely completion of the work.

(Action – KRSA/NATPAC)

Agenda – 17

Extension of deputation period of Junior Superintendent irrespective of promotion

Ref: A1/619/KRSA/2018

Decision:

i) Finance Department representative informed that six months continuation of deputation period of Smt.Malini has been granted.

ii) Since there is acute shortage of ministerial staff, the Road Safety Commissioner requested early decision on the matter. The Chairman, KRSA asked Transport Secretary to take it up with Finance Secretary to sort out the issue.

(Action – KRSA)

Agenda No – 18

Annual Report of activities of KRSA for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20

Ref: A1/984/KRSA/2018

Decision:

The Commissioner, Road Safety informed that it is the first time Annual Reports are prepared showing a detailed account of activities of KRSA. While approving the Annual Reports of KRSA for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20, the Chairman appreciated the efforts put in by the staff in bringing out the Annual Reports for 2018-19 and 2019-20 and directed to forward the same to Government for taking further action.

(Action- KRSA)

Agenda No – 19

Analysis of Road Accidents

Ref: A1/44/KRSA/19

Decision:

The Authority took note of the reduction of road fatalities by 17% for the quarter ending March 2020 and details of accidents and fatalities reported during Covid Lockdown period.

Agenda No – 20

Status of SKYWALK Project in Kottayam Town

Ref: A2/250/KRSA/15

Decision:

The Authority observed that unfinished Skywalk work would lead to public criticism in that region. It was decided to discuss with District Collector and Stakeholders regarding free surrender of land for early completion of the project. It has been decided to convene once again a meeting at the Government level at the earliest, to sort out the matter.

(Action-KRSA)

Agenda No – 21

Refund of Road Safety Fund released to District Road Safety Council- Malappuram

Ref: A2/227/KRSA/2015;

A2/263/KRSA/2015;

A2/469/KRSA/2016; and

A2/1450/KRSA/2018.

Decision

Noted. The Authority directed to wait for a reply from the DRSC-Malappuram with regard to the payment of interest to the amount sanctioned by the KRSA and which remained unspent for years with DRSC Malappuram.

(Action-KRSA,DRSC Malappuram)

A2/523/KRSA/14

Agenda No – 22

Installation of Driving test track – refund of Road Safety Fund

Ref: A2/498/KRSA/2012

Decision

Noted. And directed Motor Vehicle Department to furnish a reply on the issue of payment of interest to the KRSA. KRSA also directed to give direction to all other stakeholding departments to surrender unutilized funds urgently, as otherwise they will be personally responsible for the loss of interest on the unspent balance.

Agenda No – 23

Road Safety Week for Schools- Expenditure for inaugural function

Ref:- A2/432/KRSA/2019

Decision

Ratified

Agenda No – 24

Amount Sanctioned to Transport Commissioner towards publication of Hand Book for Driver Training

Ref:-A2/1052/KRSA/19

Decision

Ratified

Agenda No – 25

Details of project sanctioned during the Calendar year 2019

Ref:-A1/39/KRSA/16

Decision

KRSA noted the status of release of funds and the progress of work sanctioned during the year 2019.

Agenda No – 26

Road Safety Audit proposal by NATPAC

Ref:-A2/566/KRSA/2013

Decision

Decided to drop the project since the black spot identification and rectification as per MoRTH protocol based on the latest accident data is underway in the State

(Action-KRSA,NATPAC)

Agenda No – 27

Dishonouring of Cheques in Treasury

Ref:-A1/39/KRSA/16

Decision

The Principal Secretary (Transport) remarked that the Road Safety Fund is a charged account like any other statutory bodies of the Government. The Authority asked the Finance Department to honour the cheques of TSB Account issued by the KRSA without subjecting it to 'Ways & Means' clearance in future.

(Action-KRSA, Finance Department)

Agenda No – 28

Internal Audit Report for the year 2019-20

A1/181/KRSA/2016

Decision

KRSA has authorised Road Safety Commissioner to select an Internal Auditor by means of selection from the empanelled list of Chartered Accountants approved by Accountant General, for conducting Internal Audit for the year 2019-20.

(Action-Accounts Officer, KRSA)

Agenda No – 29

Technical Support Group of KRSA- Payment of Salary

A1/104/KRSA/2017

Decision

- i) Based on the discussion, the PWD Secretary and Project Director-Kerala State Transport Project Sri.Anand Singh IAS has agreed to release the monthly remuneration and allowances of Technical Support Group till 31st July 2020 from Kerala State Transport Project-II.
- ii) Thereafter, the Authority has agreed to meet the monthly remuneration & other expenses of Technical Support Group from Road Safety Fund with the prior approval of the Government.

(Action-KRSA)

Additional Agenda -1

Acquiring of Office Space in Trans Tower, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram

Ref: A1/239/KRSA/13

Decision:

The Authority has agreed to the proposal of shifting the KRSA office to the space earlier occupied by the Vodafone in Trans Towers in the same 4th floor with an area of 3283sqft at a rent of Rs. 2,42,368/- (as reported by KTDFC) per month and along with the conditions laid down by KTDFC and execute an agreement with KTDFC.

(Action-KRSA, KTDFC)

Additional Agenda -2

Honorarium to Expert Members of KRSA

Ref: A1/487/KRSA/15

Decision

Based on a detailed discussion, KRSA has decided to pay Rs.3000/- as Honorarium for each sitting to all nominated expert members of the KRSA, with the prior approval of the Government. At present there are three expert members in KRSA nominated by the Government.

Meeting concluded at 5.00PM

Sd/-

Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority &

Minister for Transport