



# KERALA ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Established under KRSA Act 2007 by Government of Kerala



## Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority

Date : **14-07-2021**  
Time : 11.00 am  
Venue : Layam Hall, Govt. Secretariat Annex –II,  
Thiruvananthapuram

### List of participants

Sl.No	Name	Participants
1.	Sri. Antony Raju	Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Chairman, KRSA
2.	Sri . Mohammed Riyas.P.A	Hon'ble Minister for Works & Vice Chairman, KRSA
3.	Sri. M R Ajith Kumar, IPS	Road Safety Commissioner(i/c) and Transport Commissioner
4.	Sri . K. R. Jyothilal, IAS	Principal Secretary, Transport
5.	Sri. Lakshman Guguloth, IPS	Inspector General of Police (Traffic & RSM)
6.	Dr. Bindhu Mohan	Additional Director of Health Services
7.	Sri. Joe C Kathilankal	Additional Secretary, General Education Department
8.	Smt. Anitha. B. C	Joint Secretary, Home Department
9.	Smt. Preetha. B	Joint Secretary, Public Works Department
10.	Smt. Rehna V M	Joint Secretary, Law Department
11.	Smt. Ajitha Kumary	Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
12.	Sri. T.C. Vinesh	Secretary, State Transport Authority
13.	Sri. Ajith Ramachandran	Chief Engineer, PWD(Roads)
14.	Sri. Ashok Kumar	Chief Engineer, PWD(National Highways)
15.	Prof (Dr). Samson Mathew	Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC
16.	Sri. Roji Jacob Alex	Executive Engineer, Road Safety Cell, PWD
17.	Sri . Mibin Babu. M	Assistant Manager, KMSCL
18.	Sri. K.P. Somarajan IPS (Rtd)	Member, KRSA
19.	Dr .P. P. Venugopalan	Member, KRSA
20.	Sri.K. Unnikrishnan Unnithan	Member, KRSA

The meeting commenced at 11.00 AM with Hon'ble Minister for Transport in Chair.

Sri. K.R. Jyothilal IAS, Principal Secretary (Transport) welcomed the participants to the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority. It started with self-introduction of all the participants. The Chairman asked Road Safety Commissioner (i/c) to present the Agenda items one by one.

The following decisions are taken at the meeting:

### **Agenda No. 1 (a)**

#### **Approval of the Minutes of 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of KRSA held on 08-01-2021 and Action taken on the decisions of the last meeting**

The title of Addl. Agenda No. 7 in the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting was inadvertently mentioned as: "Purchase of electric cars for the officers of Safe Kerala Project" while, the decision of the Authority was '*Hiring of Electric Vehicles for the officers of Safe Kerala Project*'. Since no other comments/remarks were received from the members, the Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 08-01-2021 was confirmed.

### **Agenda No. 1 (b)**

#### **Action Taken on the decisions of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of KRSA held on 08-01-2021**

The Executive Director, KRSA made a presentation of Action Taken on the decisions of the last meeting as listed in the Table in Agenda & Notes. It was informed that actions have been initiated on most of the items sanctioned by the Authority in the last meeting.

The Authority took note of the actions taken on items pertaining to technical scrutiny of the projects referred to Technical Committee of KRSA, Evaluation Committee on Performance of Managerial Officers in KRSA and recommendations of the Centralised Evaluation Committee on purchase of equipment for Police, MVD and proposals of the DRSCs.

### **Agenda No .2**

**Ref: A2/184/KRSA/2020**

#### **Project: Procurement of Traffic equipment for Kerala Police**

Deferred and suggested to verify whether sufficient fund available with Police Department in the 'Plan Budget Head' to implement the proposal. It was also suggested that more importance should be given for Safety aspects and to avoid duplication .  
(Action- KRSA, Police)

**Agenda No.3**

**Ref: A2/362 /KRSA/18**

**Project: Installation of Traffic Signals, Warning Blinkers and Mini mast lights in Alappuzha District - Revised cost estimate**

**Implementing Agency: Police Department**

**Decision:** Approved. The Authority suggested that a review and monitoring to be done by NATPAC to ascertain whether the devices are placed at the recommended locations.

*(Action- Police, NATPAC)*

**Agenda No.4**

**Ref: A2/1031/KRSA/2017**

**Project: Proposal for Establishment of Traffic Training School and Research Centre at Kerala Police Academy, Thrissur**

**Implementing Agency: Police Department.**

**Decision:**The Authority suggested that Police Department should ensure funds to meet the cost of infrastructure facilities. Deferred decision and asked a Sub-Committee of the Authority to evaluate the proposal and report. KRSA can only support equipment and setting up Lab: facilities in the Research Centre after the construction of infrastructure .

*(Action – KRSA, Police)*

**Agenda No: 5**

**Ref: A2/1430/KRSA/2019**

**Project: Shifting of HT/LT lines and Transformer for road widening and segregated bus bay in front of the Civil Station, Kozhikode**

**Decision:** The Hon'ble Minister for Works informed that shifting of HT/LT lines is not necessary to proceed with the project. The Authority decided not to fund the proposal.

*(Action – KRSA)*

**Agenda No: 6**

**Ref: A2/1430/KRSA/2019**

**Project: Proposal for Installation of Self-Regulating Pedestrian Crossing System at 5 places in Kozhikode city**

**Decision:** Approved. Sanctioned an amount of Rs.19,05,700/- from Road Safety Fund. It asked NATPAC to study the effectiveness of the project and report.

*(Action – KRSA, NATPAC, DRSC-Kozhikode)*

**Agenda No. 7**

**Ref: A1/180 /KRSA/2016**

**Project: Fund requisition for Safe Kerala Project**

**Decision:** Approved the fund for Safe Kerala Project and directed to release the funds as per the requirement.

*(Action – KRSA, MVD)*

**Agenda No: 8**

**Ref: A2/1083 to 1086 /KRSA/2020**

**Project: Studies proposed by NATPAC for Road Safety Enhancement in Kerala**

**Implementing Agency: KSCSTE-NATPAC**

**Decision:** The Authority remarked that Road Safety Fund will be sanctioned only for approved studies and research, needed by the Authority. Hence financial assistance to studies by NATPAC is not approved. The Principal Secretary (Transport) asked NATPAC to submit an Annual Plan to KRSA, identifying projects based on the needs expressed by User Departments and prioritised by KRSA.

*(Action–KRSA and NATPAC)*

**Agenda No: 9**

**Ref:A2/321 /KRSA/2021**

**Project: Road Safety Campaign through Media Post** – Proposal by India Post,  
Palakkad Division

**Implementing Agency: India Post, Postal Division, Palakkad**

**Decision :** Use of Post Card is very much limited in this era of Internet& social-media. The proposal is rejected.

**Agenda No.10 (a)**

**Ref:A2/74/KRSA/2021**

**Ratification of release of funds to MVD for organising Road Safety Month 2021**

**Decision:** Ratified

**Agenda No: 10 (b)**

**Ref: A1/11/KRSA/2016**

**Ratification of amount spent for Purchase of Photocopier for Office use.**

**Decision:** Ratified

**Agenda No. 11**

**Ref: A1/1185/KRSA/19**

**Additional fund requirement for Work Stations in SCRB**

**Decision:** The Authority sanctioned additional fund requirement of Rs.40,643/- to SCRB

*(Action – KRSA)*

**Agenda No:12**

**Ref: A1/65/KRSA/2021**

**Report of the Committee constituted to evaluate the performance of Managerial Officers in KRSA**

**Decision:** The Authority accepted the recommendations of the Committee. Director-NATPAC informed that Minutes of 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting indicated an expert from NATPAC in the Committee, but it was not considered. However, Director, NATPAC fully agreed with the recommendations of the Committee; Recommended to submit to the Government for further action.

*(Action –KRSA)*

**Agenda No:13**

**Ref: A1/191/KRSA/2021&A1/162/KRSA/2021**

**Managerial Officers in KRSA – Reporting of vacancy of posts**

**Decision:** The Authority took note of vacancy of the posts and directed to notify vacant posts and to constitute Committee for selection of suitable persons.

*(Action – KRSA)*

**Agenda No: 14**

**Ref: A2/250/KRSA/2015**

**Action Plan for completion of Skywalk project in Kottayam**

**Decision:** The Vice Chairman & Hon'ble Minister for PublicWorks informed that request has come to the Government for Vigilance Enquiry on this project. The Authority decided to maintain *status quo* and further action may be taken after reviewing the status and the progress of Vigilance Enquiry.

*(Action – KRSA and DRSC-Kottayam)*

**Agenda No: 15**

**Ref: A1/1069/KRSA/2020**

**Projects entrusted to PWD and DRSCs – Release of full payment for deposit works**

**Decision:** The Authority approved to release total sanctioned amount for deposit works of PWD and other government departments.

*(Action –KRSA)*

**Agenda No: 16**

**Ref: A1/600/KRSA/2021**

**Engaging daily wage drivers for leased electric vehicles**

**Implementing Agency: KRSA**

**Decision:** The Authority approved to engage temporary drivers on daily wages basis for leased electric vehicles. The Officer from Finance Department suggested to obtain Govt. approval. Since the vehicles remain unutilized for want of drivers, the Chairman suggested to engage drivers immediately and get it ratified subsequently.

*(Action- KRSA, MVD)*

**Additional Agenda Items placed with the permission of the Chairman**

**Agenda No. 17 (a)**

**Ref: A2/1095/KRSA/2018**

**Project: Accident Blackspot Management: Action plan for improvement of blackspots in Kerala**

**Implementing Agency: PWD (Roads)**

**Decision:** KRSA sanctioned funds to implement rectification measures of 25 Blackspots involving no land acquisition, at an estimated cost of Rs.19.85 crore.

The Blackspot rectifications for all other roads to be projectized and submitted to Government of India , for financial assistance under Central Road Fund.

*(Action- KRSA, PWD (Roads), NATPAC)*

**Agenda No. 17 (b)**

**Ref: A2/595/KRSA/2021**

**Project: Installation of Road Safety Furniture on NH-66 in Kannur District  
(Pappinissery -Valappattanam stretch)**

**Implementing Authority: DRSC-Kannur**

**Decision:** The Authority sanctioned an amount of Rs.27 lakhs for the project.

*(Action-KRSA, Kannur-DRSC)*

**Agenda No. 17 (c)**

**Ref: A2/610/KRSA/2021**

**EOI (Expression of Interest) to appoint an agency to conduct studies on approved projects & research related to Road Safety – A Road Safety Master Plan for Kerala**

**Decision:** The proposal approved and suggested to utilize the free service of World Resource Institute (WRI) for this purpose.

*(Action-KRSA)*

**Agenda No. 17 (d)**

**Ref: A1/342/KRSA/2020**

**Amendment to KRSA Act 2007**

**Decision:** Since more time is needed to study the proposed amendments, the Agenda is deferred to the next meeting of the Authority.

*(Action-KRSA)*

**Agenda No. 17 (e)**

**Ref: A2/314 /KRSA/2017**

**Formation of Self-Help Group under the Authority for rescue operation at the site of accident(s) as per Clause 4 (m) of the KRSA Act 2007**

**Decision:** The Authority agreed, in principle, to take this scheme forward and an amount of Rs. 68.20 lakhs for state wide roll out of SOFT(Save Our Fellow Travellers) Scheme is sanctioned. A High-level Committee under Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) involving departments of Home, Health, Transport, PWD, and KRSA be formed to work out the scheme as People's Participatory Programme. A task force should be formed including the Public, School children , Police and already identified 3.5 lakh volunteers and proper training should be imparted.

*(Action-KRSA)*

**Agenda No.17 (f)**

**Ref: A2/48 /KRSA/2015**

**Providing assistance to members of public who assist the road accident victims to reach the hospital**

**Decision:** The Authority sanctioned Rs.20 lakhs for implementation of the scheme. The Chairman opined that Agenda No. 17 (e) and 17 (f) can be combined together and make it as a state wide 'Janakeeya' Programme. A Task Force is to be formed involving Police, Public representatives, Students Police and the Stake holders to study the scheme and make it as more beneficial to the society.

Hon`ble Chairman (Minister for Transport) and Hon`ble Vice Chairman (Minister for Public Works) will hold a meeting to discuss, this, in detail. The Accident site, some 'Spot Care Unit' and in Transport - in Ambulance Care and Destination Care - Hospital care should be ensured by this committee .

Camera placed by MVD and Police should be in different locations so that on real time basis, data pertaining to these two different locations can be stored and monitored.

*(Action – KRSA, Police,MVD)*

**Agenda No. 17(g )**

**Ref: A2/13 /KRSA/2020**

**Minutes of the Centralized Evaluation Committee on purchase of digital equipment**

**Decision:** Principal Secretary (Transport) informed the decisions of the Centralised Evaluation Committee. The Authority suggested Police and MVD to share digital data/video records from cameras and integrate their digital enforcement. The Authority agreed to recommendation of the Committee to include Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for full life of each electronic devices & digital equipment, instead of AMC, currently followed in purchases. A penal provision for not attending to complaints / fault during the contract period, should be incorporated. It was suggested to have more virtual courts to deal with traffic offences.

The malfunction of Solar Camera installed by M/s KELTRON, based on its down time data, some penal action should be initiated against M/s KELTRON and the same may be reported to next KRSA Meeting.

*(Action-Police, MVD)*



**Emergency Ambulance Vehicle with Advanced Life Support System(ALS) to save accident victims in Golden Hour of treatment**

**Decision:** The Authority directed Transport Commissioner to ensure fitment of GPS to all emergency vehicles (ambulances) operating in the state. Also, per K/m rate for private ambulance to be fixed and introduced through some rule by the Motor Vehicle Department. A penal provision should be introduced for violations in this rule.

It asked Health Department to work out networking of public and private ambulance services and to formulate SOP(Standard Operation Procedure) and guidelines for Ambulance Service providers, qualifications for ambulance drivers and fixation of charges for Ambulance vehicles operating in the state and this has to be placed in the ensuing KRSA Meeting.

**Discussion also came up** regarding overloading of goods vehicles and its damaging effect to road pavement. Transport Commissioner explained enforcement actions taken by the department to check over-loaded vehicles on the road from time to time.

**The Meeting concluded at 1.00 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.**

**Sd/-  
Road Safety Commissioner (i/c)**

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Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority &  
Minister for Transport, Govt. of Kerala**