

KERALA ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the 47th Meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority

Date

11.10.2023

Time

04.00 pm

Venue

BANQUET HALL, Govt: Guest House

Thycadu, Thiruvananthapuram

List of participants:

SI No	Name	Designation
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. S. Sreejith IPS	Transport Commissioner & Road Safety Commissioner (i/c)
4	Sri. Sparjan Kumar IPS	Inspector General of Police,(Traffic & RSM)
5	Sri. Pramoj Sanker IOFS	Additional Transport Commissioner, Rep: Transport Commissioner
6	Smt. Sreeja.V	Additional Secretary, General Education Department
7	Sri.Anil Kumar.G	Additional Secretary, LSGD
8	Sri.Man Mohan C.V, KAS	Under Secretary, I & PWB, Finance
9	Dr. Meena.D	JDME, Special Officer, DME
10	Sri. Ajith Ramachandran	Chief Engineer, PWD(Roads)
11	Dr. Samson Mathew	Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC
12	Smt. Bindu	Under Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department
13	Sri. Murali. R	Executive Engineer, LSGD CE Office
14	Sri. Sreekumar. B	Executive Engineer, NH CE Office
15	Sri. K. Manojkumar	Secretary, State Transport Authority
16	Smt. Sini Sabu	JS, Home Department
17	Sri. Binu. P.R	JS, Law Department
18	Smt. Sreedevi. E.S	JS, Public Works (Roads)
19	Dr C. John Panicker	Member, KRSA
20	Sri. Upendranarayan	Member, KRSA

The meeting started at 04.00 PM with Hon'ble Minister for Transport in Chair. The Chairman welcomed all the members and Road Safety Commissioner has presented the agenda items.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- I. Action Taken Report & Confirmation of minutes of 46th meeting of the Authority
 - a. ATR for Agenda No 4 Annual Report of Activities of KRSA 2020-21

Decision: Follow-up required to hasten the proposal from DRSC for appointing clerical staff in DRSC.

Action by: KRSA, 8 DRSCs

b. ATR for Agenda No 6 -Pendency of Utilization Certificate from various Departments

Decision: PWD and Health Department were directed to furnish Utilization Certificate at the earliest. Utilization Certificate for funds allocated for MVD has not been obtained so far. MVD was directed to follow up in this matter and obtain UC at the earliest. Authority directed to include UC Status as part of Action Taken Report in Authority meetings.

Action by: KRSA, All Stakeholders

c. ATR for Agenda No 8 - Blackspot Management 2021 - Vulnerable Stretches

Decision: It was decided to release 50% of the fund immediately to all DRSCs. An online meeting of District Collectors of all districts is to be convened by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of KRSA at the earliest.

Action by: KRSA, Transport Department

d. ATR for Agenda No 11(iii) - Emergency Care - Networking of Ambulance

Decision: The Authority observed that various stakeholders in this field need to be integrated in this network and directed to consider the ambulance network under the IMA and Police Joint Venture Trauma Rescue Initiative which was started 7 years back and has a network of 3000 ambulances all over Kerala.

Action by: MVD

e. ATR for Agenda No 11(iv) - Safe Campus Programme

Decision: It was decided to conduct a Safe Campus programme in Trivandrum and Kozhikode as part of Road Safety Year.

Action by: MVD

f. ATR for Agenda No 12(a) –Procurement of Road Safety Equipment for Kerala Police **Decision**: The Authority has directed Police Department to speed-up the procedure.

Action by: Police Dept.

g. ATR for Agenda No 12(b) – E-Challan Project – Procurement of Computer System **Decision**: Authority directed Police Department to expedite the procedure

Action by: Police Dept.

h. Action taken Report for Agenda No 13(a) – Fund for IDTR for training & lab
 Decision: Coordinate with IDTR for obtaining Utilization Certificate without further delay.
 Action by: KRSA, MVD, IDTR

i. ATR for Agenda No 13(C) – Purchase of Drug Detection Equipment

Decision: The Authority directed Transport Commissioner to explore effective & economical versions of drug testing equipment. MVD was also directed to explore the drug testing method using urine samples as suggested by Expert member.

Action by: MVD

j. ATR for Agenda No 14 – Conversion of 42 No: s Ambulance from BLS to ALS **Decision**: Authority has directed Health Department to refund the unspent balance of already released amount and provide the final UC of the earliest project 'Trauma Care Unit in Medical College - 2015' at the earliest.

Action by: Health Dept.

k. Action taken Report for Agenda No 15(c) - Purchase of Road Safety Equipment
 Decision: The Authority decided to direct DRSC, Trivandrum to furnish UC at the earliest.
 Action by: DRSC TVM

I. ATR for Agenda No 15(e) – Road Safety work – Palakkad Kulappully
 Decision: The Authority has directed the Chief Engineer, PWD(Roads) to check and inform whether they require the sanctioned fund.

It was also decided to give a general direction to all stakeholders that KRSA funds allotted for one project cannot be utilized for another project without approval from the Authority.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads)

II. Confirmation of the Minutes of 46th meeting of KRSA held on 23/11/2022

Decision: Approved.

The Authority observed that transfer of funds, follow up of UC and execution of the projects approved in KRSA to be coordinated and reviewed by Executive Committee and hence stressed on the fact that Executive Committee has to be convened monthly as stipulated in Section 6(5) of Kerala Road Safety Act 2007.

Agenda No -2

General Road Safety Scenario in the State

Ref:A1/44/KRSA/2019

Decision: The Authority noted the General Road Safety Scenario in the State.

Action by: For Information

Directions from Hon'ble Chief Minister in the meeting on 25/02/2023

Ref:A2/219/KRSA/2023

The Authority has approved the suggestion of the Technical Committee for Decision:

strengthening the Kerala Highway Research Institute, to be developed as State Level

Directorate for Road Designing and Transportation Planning. KHRI is already identified as

the Centre of Excellence under World Bank Funded KSTP Project. It was also decided to

give a recommendation to PWD to include representatives of KRSA and NATPAC in KHRI

institutional setup for Road Designing and Transportation Planning.

It was further decided to direct the National Highway Authority to strictly adhere to the

safety standards as per the guidelines regarding traffic management to solve the lapse in

road safety due to the non-installation of signboards at the National Highway six-laning

construction sites.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads), NATPAC

Agenda No -4

Delegation of Powers to Regional Transport Officer Squads

Ref:A1/342/KRSA/2010

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal for the delegation of Powers to Regional

Transport Officer squads. The Road Safety Commissioner was directed to issue orders on

this.

Action by: KRSA, MVD

Agenda No - 5

Cashless treatment for accident victims during the Golden Hour

Ref: A2/948/KRSA/2015

Decision: The Authority has directed the Road Safety Commissioner to explore various

options, like subsidized treatment plans in private medical institutions, contributions from

Insurance Companies, Corpus Fund sourcing from LIC, etc for viability of scheme of

cashless treatment of accident victims during Golden Hour. It was also decided to forward

the report drafted by KRSA to the Finance Department for seeking directions for utilizing

KRSA funds for the scheme.

Action by: KRSA, Health Dept

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Installation of Dash Board Cameras in Private and KSRTC buses

Ref: A2/189/KRSA/2023

Decision: The Authority observed that the installation of Dashboard cameras in buses is practiced across the world and that itself justifies its effectiveness in reducing accidents. An anticipated amount of Rs 10 crore was approved for the procurement of Dash Board Cameras for KSRTC buses, and directed to proceed with tendering. For the private stage carriages, an amount equivalent to 50% of the actual amount for the camera up to a maximum amount of Rs.4000/- per bus for the installation of cameras will be funded by KRSA.

Action by: KRSA, MVD, KSRTC

Agenda No – 7
Overhanging Cables – Further actions

Ref:A2/738/KRSA/2022

Decision: Taking serious note of the road accidents caused by overhanging cables, dilapidated footpaths, transformers without fencing, and improper restoration of roads after repair works, Road Safety Commissioner issued a General Order invoking powers under Section 14 of Kerala Road Safety Authority Act 2007. The Authority decided to proceed with action against non-complying agencies as per Sections 26 and 27 of KRSA Act. It was also decided to give more powers to DRSC and RTO-(Enforcement) for invoking penal sections against non-complying agencies.

Action by: KRSA, MVD, DRSC

Agenda No - 8

Deviation on Road Safety Works at Koyilandy Junction, Kozhikode

Ref:A2/223/KRSA/2019

Decision: Since the matter is pending at the High Court of Kerala, the Authority decided to await the decision of the Court for further proceedings in the matter. While discussing the project, the Authority issued a general direction that the use of sanctioned road safety funds for any purpose other than that sanctioned by the Authority, is not acceptable, and any such requirement may be considered only with the prior approval of the Authority.

Action by: KRSA

Agenda No - 9

Road Safety Fund for Street Lights and LED Display boards along Cherthala – Walayar Stretch as per the directions of the Hon'ble Petition Committee.

Ref: A1/784/KRSA/2022

Decision: The Vice Chairman of the Authority has noted that the price of the signboards is higher than for normal signboards, and hence Authority directed to evaluate the cost by a

Committee of Road Safety Commissioner, Chief Engineer (Roads) and Chief Engineer (NH). The Authority approved the proposal in principle, subject to the evaluation of the proposal by the Committee.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads), PWD-NH

Agenda No - 10

Need-Based Studies and R&D Support from NATPAC (On Demand Study Service)

Ref: A2/1083/KRSA/2020

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal in principle and observed that the consultancy charges quoted by NATPAC seem to be exorbitant, and hence a negotiation with NATPAC by a Committee consisting of CE-PWD (NH), CE-PWD(Roads), Road Safety Commissioner to be conducted at the earliest and final arrived cost may be taken as the approved cost by the Authority.

The amount sanctioned to NATPAC as service charge shall be based on the negotiated unit price of NATPAC as agreed in the discussion.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads), PWD-NH

Agenda No - 11

General Guidelines on Lane Traffic Regulation

Ref: A1/568/KRSA/2020

Decision: It was decided to publish the General Guidelines after modifying the same in consultation with stakeholders. The modalities of the modification process to be decided by Road Safety Commissioner.

Action by: KRSA

Agenda No - 12

'Surakshitha Yaatra' Hand book - C Apt Printing Work

Ref:A2/330/KRSA/2013

Decision: The Authority has decided to invite e-tender to print the handbook. The Authority also accorded sanction for the preparation of Special Activities book for school children. The Authority appreciated the efforts to educate young generation about the good habits to be followed on roads, and directed to take measures to include road safety part of the school curriculum. Also directed to explore the possibility of teaching this Higher Secondary level.

Action by: KRSA

Agenda No - 13

Road Safety Awareness Campaign through FM Radio

Ref:A1/459/KRSA/2022

Decision: The Authority accorded sanction for a fund of Rs 3.0 crore for road safety awareness campaign through FM Radio and Visual Media including in Movie Theatres,

Television Channels, OTT Platforms, Web Series, Social Media, etc. The Authority observed that road safety awareness through railway jingles are effective and sanctioned Rs 2.0 crore for the continued broadcasting of Road Safety awareness messages in railway stations through railway jingles.

Kerala Road Safety Authority decided to observe 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024 as 'Road Safety Year' with the aim of reducing road accidents. Under the leadership of the Kerala Road Safety Authority, the program calendar will be published by planning massive projects spanning a year. The project will be implemented by cooperating with all those working at various levels related to Road Safety. State-level inauguration of Road Safety Year will be organized on October 31 in Thiruvananthapuram. Another program will be organized at Kozhikode for coordination of activities in northern districts. Extensive road safety programs will be organized for a year in all 14 districts.

Action by: KRSA, All Stakeholders

Agenda No - 14

WP(C)30062/2022-Request for constructing Footpaths by PWD, Roads

Ref: A1/103/KRSA/2023

Decision: The Authority observed that the construction of footpaths should be done as part of the basic road infrastructural civil work by the road-owning agencies themselves. The Authority observed that Hon'ble High Court has directed the first four respondents, namely; Chief Secretary, Secretary (PWD), Principal Secretary (Transport), and Kerala Road Safety Authority to jointly make sufficient budgetary allocation for the construction of the footpaths, and hence decided to allocate KRSA funds for the construction of footpaths only at accident-prone locations on priority basis. CE(Roads) was directed to furnish a detailed estimate restricted to the construction of footpaths only at accident-prone locations, within a week time. The Authority has stressed that the construction quality of footpaths should also be ensured, as per standards specified in IRC guidelines.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads)

Agenda No - 15

Black Spot rectification on four locations - Rs.25.10 Crore by PWD

Ref: A2/135/KRSA/2023

Decision: The Authority approved the decision of the Technical Committee that KRSA fund may not be used for Land Acquisition, and hence approved black spot rectification at Vempally, in Kottayam district at an estimate of Rs. 1.84 Crore which does not involve land acquisition. Administrative Sanction will be issued by KRSA for all PWD works.

Further, the Authority passed a general direction that, for all works that are entrusted to PWD(Roads) for implementation utilizing Road Safety Fund, KRSA will issue Administrative

Sanctions, and funds will be transferred on request of PWD (Roads), against bills raised at various stages of completion of the work.

Action by: KRSA, PWD(Roads)

Agenda No - 16

Traffic Signal and Mini Mast Lights in Alappuzha District - Change in Location

Ref:A2/362/KRSA/2018

Decision: The feasibility of installing Traffic Signals at the new locations has already been established based on NATPAC study, and hence the Authority approved the revised proposal submitted by DPC, Alappuzha for utilizing the fund which was already released by KRSA.

The Authority also approved the consultancy study fee of Rs 1.44 lakh + GST to NATPAC.

Action by: KRSA

Agenda No - 17

17(a) Road Safety Volunteer Force Creation and Management (RSVF) through MVD by SCT College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram

Ref:A2/134/KRSA/2023

Decision: The Authority observed the costing of various components is not realistic and done on lumpsum estimation. Hence the Authority decided to direct SCT to rework the proposal optimizing the cost for various items and to come up with a revised cost estimate and proceed with the approval of the Chairman. The Authority also decided that the software development proposal to be sought concurrence from IT department due to the higher cost factor.

Action by: SCT

17(b) Road Awareness and Safe Travel Army (RASTA) through MVD by State NSS Cell

Ref:A2/533/KRSA/2022

Decision: The proposal has to be reworked before being considered for funding since Finance Department representative of the Authority raised the concern of escalation in cost. The Authority has decided to direct NSS to rework the proposal reducing the cost estimate of various items and to come up with revised cost estimate and may proceed with the revised cost with the approval of the Chairman.

Action by: State NSS Cell

Agenda No – 18 Mini-Mast light at Melthurumba in Kannur

Ref:A2/175/KRSA/2022

Decision: The Authority approved the funding of Rs 1.5 lakh for installing Mini-Mast light at Melthurumba Road Junction in Chapparappadav Grama Panchayath, Kannur.

Action by: KRSA

Improvement of S-Curve near Jawan Smaraka Waiting Shed in Kozhikode

Ref:A2/505/KRSA/2021

Decision: As the Technical Committee has observed that the location is not a high-risk accident spot and the proposal involves infrastructure developments like road widening, drain construction, etc, the Authority rejected the proposal.

Action by: Nil

Agenda No - 20

Road Safety works at Asan Kalungu in Mavelikkara, Alappuzha

Ref:A2/718/KRSA/2021

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal for funding on the condition that the component of centage charges be considered only after verification with the Road agency.

Action by: DRSC Alappuzha, PWD(Roads)

Agenda No - 21

Speed Detection Cameras for Alappuzha Bypass

Ref: A2/127/KRSA/2022

Decision: Approved the proposal for installation of Speed Detection Cameras on Alappuzha bypass following the terms and conditions proposed by the Centralized Evaluation Committee in tendering and other procedures.

Action by: DRSC Alappuzha, MVD

Agenda No - 22°

Speed Detection Camera and Solar Blinkers in Pathanamthitta district

Ref:A2/438/KRSA/2020

Decision: Approved the proposal for installation of Speed Detection Cameras and Traffic blinkers following the terms and conditions proposed by the Centralized Evaluation Committee in this regard.

Action by: DRSC Pathanamthitta

Agenda No - 23

Road Safety proposals from DRSC Thrissur

- a) Safe Corridor in NH-544 (Vaniyampara Paliyekara)
- b) Road Safety Equipment for Police

Ref:A2/624/KRSA/2021

Decision: Approved the proposal for Installation of Cameras and Control rooms following the terms and conditions proposed by the Centralised Evaluation Committee in tendering and other procedures. The Authority rejected the proposal for the purchase of interceptor vehicle.

Action by: DRSC Thrissur

Traffic signal at Lakkidi – Koottupatha in Palakkad district

Ref:A2/879/KRSA/2016

Decision: Approved the proposal for installing traffic signal at an estimate of Rs.11,24,669/- and the Service Charge claimed by NATPAC for traffic study.

Action by: DRSC Palakkad

Agenda No - 25

Road Safety Awareness program by Kannur DRSC

Ref:A2/787/KRSA/2022

Decision: The Authority has approved KRSA funding for all items except body-worn cameras as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Action by: DRSC Kannur

Agenda No - 26

Additional Fund request for Pilathara - Pappinissery stretch by Kannur DRSC

Ref:A2/1202/KRSA/2018

Decision: The Authority rejected the request of Rs 7.5 lakhs for meeting electricity charges and decided to concur with the decisions of 37th meeting of KRSA held on 23-01-2019 that recurring expenditure be met by implementing agency. It was also suggested that a General Order may be issued to all stakeholders to submit proposals that are economically sustainable by all means.

Action by: KRSA

Agenda No - 27

Solar Street light, Blinkers and Convex mirrors at Pattithanam – Manarkad, Kottayam Ref: A2/783/KRSA/2022

Decision: The Authority deferred the proposal seeking clarity on the requirements, and decided to direct DRSC, Kottayam to re-examine to optimize the number and locations of proposed blinkers, convex mirrors, and also to explore the possibility of providing Solar ongrid mechanisms for street lights and blinkers, and to resubmit the proposal.

Action by: DRSC Kottayam

Agenda No - 28

Road Safety proposals from DRSC, Pathanamthitta

Ref: KRSA/116/2023-A2

Decision: A traffic study by NATPAC was approved to establish the viability of signal at Thottabhagom junction. The Authority has approved the installation of signal at an estimate of Rs 17 lakh, provided the NATPAC study recommends the same.

Action by: KRSA, NATPAC, DRSC Pathanamthitta

Road Safety works at Parappachal- Velarikund in Kasargod

Ref: KRSA/38/2023-A2

Decision: The Authority approved the request for Rs 14.7 lakh for the rectification of the damaged bridge in Kasargod.

Action by: DRSC Kasargod

Agenda No - 30

Speed Management Measures in Varyad - Kollagal NH, by Wayanad DRSC

Ref: KRSA/137/2023-A2

Decision: Approved the project with an estimate of Rs. 5 lakh.

Action by: DRSC Wayanad

Agenda No - 31

Feasibility of installation of Signals in Anchal - Pathanapuram towns by NATPAC

Ref: A2/949/KRSA2020

Decision: Approved the proposal at an estimate of Rs.31.3 lakh, based on the recommendation of Traffic Study by NATPAC. Sanction of fund for installation of signal will be based on feasibility recommendations after the study.

Action by: Police Dept., NATPAC

Agenda No - 32

Identification and Short-term improvement of Crash Black Spots by NATPAC

Ref: KRSA/112/2023-A2

Decision: Suggested that, the cost of study to be revised per unit rate as mentioned in Agenda 10 above, as the manpower cost is 44.4%, which is excessive, hence optimize the cost and resubmit.

Action by: NATPAC

Agenda No – 33(a)

Expenditure for Road Safety Week – 2023

Ref:A2/09/KRSA/2023

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs.35 lakh sanctioned to the Transport Commissioner for organizing Road Safety Week- 2023.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No – 33(b)

KSRTC - Removal of Transformer at Anchuthengu, Thiruvananthapuram

Ref:A2/467/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs 52,669/- sanctioned to KSRTC for shifting of the transformer of KSEB which is an obstruction for bus service along the coastal highway at Anchuthengu, Thiruvananthapuram..

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(c)

'NO TO DRUGS' - CAPS to Anti-Drug Campaign

Ref:A2/619/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs 4,85,000/- sanctioned to Trendz sport, Wayanad for supplying 10,000 caps for the students who participated in the program organized by State against drug abuse.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(d)

Traffic Signal at Parakandam jn and Solar Blinker at Thavalakuzhi jn, Kottayam

Ref:A2/744/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs 16,37,000/- sanctioned to DRSC-Kottayam for installation of traffic signal at Parakandam Four Arm junction and solar blinker at Thavalakuzhi junction.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(e)

Solar blinker at Plappilly, Pathanmthitta

Ref:A2/806/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs 5,35,000/- sanctioned to DRSC, Pathanamthitta for installation of Solar LED blinker lights on NH 183 A from Mannarkulanji to Plapilly.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(f)
Office Maintenance

Ref:A2/417/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs 5,30,766/- sanctioned to SIDCO for office maintenance works and Rs 63,444/- sanctioned to ARTCO Ltd for procurement of chairs for KRSA.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(g) Journey Expense of R.S.C.

Ref:A2/467/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs. 93,341/- sanctioned to RSC for meeting the expenditure as Police Observer for the General Election to State Legislative Assembly 2022 of Himachal Pradesh, with a condition that if this amount is sanctioned from Election Head, the amount may be reimbursed. An amount of Rs 14,839/- sanctioned for paying telephone bill for one year was also ratified.

Action by: For information

Agenda No - 33(h) Half Day Seminar on Road Safety

Ref:A1/517/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the amount of Rs.92,611/- sanctioned to Mascot Hotel towards expenditure for half day seminar on Road Safety awareness under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Transport for Principals and Managers of various aided and Government Schools in Thiruvananthapuram constituency.

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(i)

Release of fund for advertisement

Ref:A1/517/KRSA/2022

Decision: Ratified the following amounts spent for Road Safety Awareness advertisements:

- Rs 10,000/- for Kallada daily (Quarter Page B/W)
- Rs 20,000/- for Saksharatha Sandesham Special Supplement (Quarter Page)
- Rs 25,000/- for Navayugam Magazine (Inside Cover)
- Rs 25,000/- for Nava Keralam Magazine (Inside Cover)
- Rs 50,000/- to Vanchiyoor Football Club & Trivandrum District Football Lovers
- Rs 1 lakh for Chenganur Peruma (Full Page)
- Rs 2 lakh for Mathrubhoomi Sovenir (Inside Cover)
- Rs 2 lakh through Magazine published by KSRTC
- Rs 2 lakh to Kerala State Chalachitra Academy for display of advertisements in venues of 27th International Film Festival of Kerala
- Rs. 3 lakh for Happiness Festival conducted in Kannur

Action by: No further action

Agenda No - 33(j)

Skywalk at Kottayam Town – Expenses for Structural Stability Study

Ref:A2/250/KRSA/2015

Decision: Based on the orders of Hon'ble high Court of Kerala in WPC 26078/2022, IIT Palakkad was entrusted by KRSA for conducting structural stability study of the Skywalk structure. The Authority ratified the amount of Rs. 2,12,400/- sanctioned as consultancy fee to IIT, Palakkad for the assessment of 'Strength and Stability of SKYWALK'.

Since the IIT team has observed some signs of initiation of corrosion in the structure they have insisted Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) on the structure. As per the recommendation of Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), an amount of Rs.21,13,057/- was allotted for SERC, Chennai for conducting NDT on Skywalk structure. The Authority ratified the amount of Rs.21,13,057/- sanctioned to SERC, Chennai for conducting Non-destructive testing.

Action by: KRSA

Decisions on 'Out of Agenda' items permitted by the Chair

Addl: Agenda No - 1

Safe Zone Sabarimala Program 2023-24

Ref: KRSA/272/2023-A2

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal from Motor Vehicle Department for Traffic Regulation and Road Safety Management of pilgrim traffic during the Sabarimala Pilgrimage season 2023 with a view to reduce road accidents and fatalities, at an estimate of Rs 49 lakh.

Action by: KRSA, MVD

Addl: Agenda No - 2

Installation of Traffic Signal and Blinkers at Randalumoodu Junction, Kollam

Ref: A2/754/KRSA/2020

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal from Police Department for installation of Traffic Signal at Randalumoodu junction at an estimate of Rs 12.21 lakh.

Action by: KRSA, Police

Addl: Agenda No - 3

Installation of Traffic Signal at Chirattakonam Junction, Vettikavala, Kollam

Ref: KRSA/189/2023-A2

Decision: The Authority approved the proposal from Vettikavala Grama Panchayath for the installation of Solar Powered Traffic Signal System at Chirattakkonam junction at an estimate of Rs 18,98,110/-.

Action by: KRSA, KELTRON

Addl: Agenda No - 4

Road Safety Works at Sabarimala Pilgrimage Corridors

Ref: KRSA/ /2023-A2

Decision: Considering the urgency of the project, the Authority approved the proposal 'Sabarimala Road Safety Works 2023-24' by PWD(Roads) and accorded sanction for an amount of Rs.344 lakh. In order to ensure that there is no duplication of works, it would be beneficial if the proposal is routed through the Government.

Action by: PWD-Roads

Addl: Agenda No - 5

Road Safety Awareness program for the School ChildrenRef: KRSA/290/2023–A2 **Decision**: In continuation with the successful implementation of the first phase of the program for Road Safety Awareness for the School Children, the Authority decided to conduct the second phase of the program at another 100 selected schools across the State by sanctioning Rs.50,000/- per school towards promoting road safety activities like awareness classes, demonstration of kerb-drill, first aid training, activity based learning, interactive videos on road safety, charts in school premises and related road safety educational activities. The Authority sanctioned an amount of Rs.50 lakh to selected 100 schools throughout the State, subject to the condition that the list of beneficiary schools shall be finalized with the approval of Chairman. **Action**

by: KRSA

Addl: Agenda No - 6

SAFE ROAD to SCHOOL- Road Safety Program by NATPAC

Ref: KRSA/289/2023-A2

Decision: The Authority approved proposal of NATPAC for conducting Second Phase of 'Safe Road to School' project to selected 100 schools across the State at an estimate of Rs.28 lakh +GST. NATPAC was asked to select the schools throughout the State and furnish the list of schools for approval by the Authority.

Action by: NATPAC

Addl: Agenda No - 7

Purchase of Vehicle to KRSA Office

Ref: KRSA/ /2023-A1

Decision: Approved the proposal for the purchase of a Petrol/diesel vehicle for KRSA for official use.

Action by: KRSA

General Directions of the Authority

Authority while considering various proposals issued the following general directions:

- Road Safety Funds sanctioned for one project/purpose cannot be utilized for another project/ purpose, unless it is approved by the Authority. Any such requirement may be considered only with the prior approval of the Authority.
- 2) For all Road Safety Works that are entrusted to PWD(Roads) for implementation utilizing road safety funds, it shouldn't be treated as deposit work anymore. Instead of releasing advance funds, KRSA will issue only Administrative Sanctions. The Road Safety Fund will be transferred later on request of PWD (Roads), against bills raised by the contractor at various stages of completion of the work.
- 3) All Stakeholders are directed to submit proposals that are sustainable by all means.
- 4) Guidelines for the operation of Ambulances for controlling honking and use of sirens to be drafted and enforced at the earliest. The Additional Transport Commissioner from Motor Vehicle Department was delegated for the task.
- 5) Decided to explore Al based Acoustic Cameras with ANPR feature for enforcing excessive sound produced by altered silencer, horns, sirens, etc from vehicles.

Road Safety Commissioner (i/c)

Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority and Minister for Transport, Govt: of Kerala

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