

# ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT 2019-2020



In pursuance of the provision contained in Section 27 (1)  
of the Kerala Road Fund Act, 2001

The Report covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

## *Nineteenth Annual Report*

### Introduction

Kerala Road Fund Board continued to play significant role in the construction and maintenance of quality roads. The most important event during the year of report is the decision to take up the implementation of Smart City Projects in KRFB and PWD Roads. The year of report has another important decision by the Executive Committee to change the mode of implementation of Alappuzha City Road Improvement Project from DBFOT to the Item Rate Contract so that the execution cost shall stand reduced considerably. Yet another event is that the Executive Committee resolved to conduct a proficiency/ skill test for the administrative and technical staff of KRFB.

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## SECTION I:

### The Structure of the Kerala Road Fund Board (KRFB)

#### 1) The Kerala Road Fund Board

The members of the Board as per KRF Act; 2001.

- The Chief Minister – ex-officio; who shall be the Chairman of the Board
- The Minister in charge of Public Works – ex-officio; who shall be the Vice Chairman of the Board
- The Minister in Charge of Transport –ex- officio – Member
- The Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government in charge of Public Works Department ex-officio; who shall be the Member Secretary of the Board.
- The Law Secretary – ex-officio-Member
- The Chief Engineer, Roads & Bridges –ex-officio – Member
- Three members nominated by the Government from among the heads of financial institutions engaged in the business of infrastructure, scheduled banks or technical or engineering personnel working in national level institutions. The nominated members of the Board of Directors during the period of report were:
  - (i) The Chief General Manager,SBI,Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram
  - (ii) The Chief General Manager ,NABARD,Thiruvananthapuram
  - (iii) The Regional Chief Manager,HUDCO,Kerala Region.

## 2) **The Executive Committee**

The Board has an Executive Committee with the following members as per the KRF Act, 2001

- Minister in charge of Public Works – Chairman of the Executive Committee
- Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government in charge of Public Works Department – Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee
- Secretary to Government, Finance – Member
- Secretary to Government, Law Department – Member
- Chief Engineer, Roads & Bridge – Member
- Two members nominated by the Board from among the nominated members of the Board

The nominated members during the period of report were:

- (i) The Chief General Manager, SBI, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram
- (ii) The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Thiruvananthapuram

## SECTION II

### Governance and Administration

The Administrative Head of KRFB is the Member Secretary who is also Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Government of Kerala. Sri Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS Principal Secretary to PWD officiated as Member Secretary of the Board during the period The Board was functioning in the rented building located at Belhaven Garden, Kowdiar. The technical and ministerial functions of the Board were controlled by the Chief Executive Officer who was appointed directly on contract basis as the Head of Office. Sri. Harikesh P.C. and Smt. Deepthi Bhanu, officiated as Chief Executive Officers during the Period under report.

#### Officer bears of KRFB during the period of report

- (i) Member Secretary - The Principal Secretary, PWD (ex-officio)
- (ii) Chief Executive Officer -
  1. Smt. Deepthi Bhanu from 01.04.2019 to 17.06.2019
  2. Sri. M.N. Jeevaraj from 18.06.2019 to 31.03.2020
- (iii) Administrative Officer - Sri. S. Vijaya Kumar from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020
- (iv) Finance Officer - Smt. Preethy Leonold  
From 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020
- (v) General Manager - Sri. V. Gopalakrishna Pillai  
from 01.04.2019 to 31.3.2020

### SECTION III :

#### Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors during the period of report

During the Period of report five Executive Committee meeting were held ie 46<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> on 18.07.2010, 25.09.2019, 09.10.2019, 28.11.2019 and 01.02.2020 respectively.

Minutes of the above meeting of the EC are appended as Annexure I A

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of KRFB was held on 10.03.2019. The minutes of the meeting of the Board is appended as Annexure I B.

## SECTION IV

### Major achievements of KRFB during the period of Report

#### (i) Implementation of Smart City Project

The most important event during the period of report is the commencement of the Smart City Project. The 49<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee met on 28.11.2019 has accorded sanction to execute the Smart City Project in KRFB and PWD Roads. The execution of work shall be done through KRFB on the funding of SCTL. All the works relating to the accord of Technical Sanction, Tendering of work, Tender evaluation, Tender Sanction, Award of work etc will be done by KRFB. Supervision works to be carried out through consultants selected by SCTL.

#### (ii) Alappuzha City Road Improvement Project

The 46<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee met on 18.07.2019 has noted that there is grave lapse on the part of the concessionaire and resolved to initiate urgent action. In spite of earnest steps taken by the KRFB, the concessionaire failed to commence the execution of the project. Finally the 48<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee met on 09.10.2019 has resolved to terminate the concession agreement with the concessionaire M/S Rohan Raj deep Alappuzha Projects Ltd. The Executive Committee has also resolved to forfeit the bid security and to black list the firm from bidding for projects in Kerala.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee met on 28.11.2019 resolved to re – arrange the work by changing the original scope limiting the expenditure worth Rs. 100 crore. It has also been resolve to change the mode of execution of the project from DBFOT to item rate contract and to execute the work through PWD Roads wing. The bid security of Rs. 2.87 crore has been forfeited from the concessionaire M/S Rohan Rajdeep Alappuzha and appropriated to KRFB fund



### **(iii) Thiruvananthapuram City Road Improvement Project**

The O&M activities of the Thiruvananthapuram City Road Improvement Project has not satisfactorily been carried out by the concessionaire. As decided by the Executive Committee, tenders for the overlay work were floated by KRFB. But there was no response for the tender call. Subsequently the repair were carried out by KRFB at the risk and cost of the concessionaire. A new Independent Engineers M/S Sai Constructing Engineers PVT Ltd has been appointed for Thiruvananthapuram City Road Improvement Project. The Executive Committee met on 18.07.2019 has accorded sanction to carry out stripped BT repair works as and when necessary.

An amount of Rs.201203747/was paid as annuity to the concessionaire during the period of report.

### **(iv) Kozhikode City Road Improvement Project**

The O&M activities in the Kozhikode City Road Improvement Project has been done satisfactorily during the period of report. The annuity payments due to the concessionaire has been paid. Consequent on the expiry of the term of Independent Engineers, M/S SCPLICES JV., the Executive Committee resolved to appoint new Independent Engineer. Accordingly M/S Sai Constructing Engineers Private Limited has been appointed as Independent Engineers for Kozhikode City Road Improvement Project. Yet another important event is that Administrative Sanction was accorded for the investigation work of mini – Bypass Panathuthazham flyover road for an amount Rs. 9 lakhs.

An amount of Rs.462200000/was paid as annuity to the concessionaire during the year

### **(v) Kannur City Road Improvement Project**

The preliminary work of surveying and demarcation of boundary of the land for the project is in good progress. Administrative Sanction had already been accorded for an amount of Rs. 1619730/- for part I and for Rs. 1573613/- for part II of the project. SIA study progressed during the current year. An amount of Rs. 50 lakhs was transferred to the District Collector as contingency fund for LA.

**(vi) KIIFB Funded Project**

The Project Management Unit under KRFB has been established as special purpose vehicle for the KIIFB funded project. As on 31.03.2020 total number of ongoing project is 110. The total project outlay is Rs. 4663 Crore and the number of project completed is 14.

**(vii) DFIP works**

1. Ramanattukara Flyover (Rs. 17,95,99,170/-)
2. Thodayad Flyover (Rs. 28,83,27,329/-)
3. Nadukani Parappanangadi Road (Rs. 1,35,64,62,348/-)
4. Cherupuzha – Ulickal Hill Highway Road at Kannur District  
(Rs. 86,99,84,471/-)
5. Valiyazheekal Bridge (Rs. 7,48,53,857/-)

## SECTION V

### Funding Operations

The Annual Budget Provision for 2019-20 was Rs. 287.03 crore and the actual receipt was Rs. 219.36 crore. The full amount was expended. A detailed Audited report and notes on the accounts prepared by the statutory auditor is placed below.

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## SECTION VI

### Auditors Report

- (i) Auditors Report (Attached as Annexure II)
- (ii) Notes on Accounts for the year 2018-2019 (Attached as Annexure II)
- (iii) Significant Accounting Policies (Attached as Annexure II)

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## SECTION VII

### Acknowledgment and submission

The Executive Committee place on record its sincere appreciations for the guidance and support extended to the Board by the Government of Kerala, PWD and other agencies.

As per Section 27(1) of the Kerala Road Fund Act, the Annual Report along with the Audited accounts are to be submitted to the Government for being placed before the Legislative Assembly. This combined report of Administration and Accounts submitted for being placed before the Legislative Assembly.

For and on behalf of the Kerala Road Fund Board.

**Member Secretary**

Thiruvananthapuram

Date

## **ANNEXURES**

1. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings from 41<sup>st</sup> to 50
2. Audit Reports for the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20