

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

LSGD – Release of professional fees for the bid process management support by Centre for Management Development (CMD), in connection with selection of a Consulting Firm as Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for AMRUT 2.0 - Sanction accorded - Orders issued

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1007/2025/LSGD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 22-04-2025

Read 1 G.O (P) No.67/2021/FIN dated 28.04.2021

2 GO(Rt)No.565/2022/LSGD dated 09.03.2022

3 G.O.(Rt)No.1276/2023/LSGD dated 19.06.2023

4 G.O.(Rt)No.1452/2023/LSGD dated 15.07.2023

5 G.O.(Rt)No.2036/2024/LSGD dated 26.10.2024

6 Letter No. SMMU/99/2023-UIWE3 dated 31.08.2024 of the Mission Director, AMRUT

ORDER

As per G.O read as 2nd paper above, Government have authorized the Centre for Management Development (CMD) to coordinate the RFP calling for the recruitment of a Consulting Firm as a Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for AMRUT 2.0 in order to perform the evaluation and selection process on behalf of the State Government. Mission Director, AMRUT was also authorized to make the required payment to CMD from their A&OE funds.

2. As per G.O read as 3rd paper above, Government have modified RFP for Selection of PDMC services of AMRUT 2.O. A total of 6 bidders had submitted their proposals in the 1st tender issued for identifying PDMC. The tender process for the selection of PDMC has been cancelled since the price bid quoted by the first ranked (H1) bidder is nearly twice the same quoted by the bidder with the highest technical score and it would result in a financial loss if the H1 bidder is awarded the contract at their negotiated rate and the H1 bidder was not ready to reduce his quote and also the scope of the work was significantly changed.

3. As per G.O read as 4th paper above, addendum to the RFP for the Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) has been approved. For the 2nd tender, CMD has assisted State Mission Management Unit (SMMU) of AMRUT in modifying the conditions of contract in the RFP, Publishing on the CMD portal, and evaluating technical and financial bids. Out of the 4 bids received, the lowest quoted bid was for an amount of Rs. 8.34 Cr. As the 9th State High Powered Steering Committee (SHPS) meeting resolved to cancel tender for PDMC, due to reduced project scope, PDMC services are no longer necessary, as per G.O read as 5th paper above, Government have cancelled the tender for PDMC.

4. As per the letter read as 6th paper above Mission Director, AMRUT has reported that Centre for Management Development (CMD) has been actively supporting the SMMU in the recruitment process of the PDMC for AMRUT 2.0. For the 1st tender of PDMC, CMD has supported the SMMU in publishing the RFP, bid evaluation, etc. For the 2nd tender, CMD has assisted SMMU in modifying the Conditions of Contract in the RFP, publishing on the CMD portal, and evaluating technical and financial bids. As per G.O read as 1st paper above, for the execution of public works through Government Accredited agencies, the fee for the "preparation of tender documents, issuing of tender notifications, including advertisement charges, evaluation of tenders, award of work and execution of the contract" shall be 0.50% of the estimated cost or the awarded cost, whichever is less, subject to a minimum of Rs.2.5 lakh (considering the lowest quote was more than Rs.5 crore). As the lowest quote received for PDMC work was Rs.8.34 Cr. Mission Director has reported that the fee for the Centre for Management Development (CMD) may be limited to the minimum cost of Rs. 2.5 lakhs/ tender, considering that the award of work and execution of the contract were not completed.

5. As per the letter read as 6th paper above Mission Director, AMRUT has recommended that the fee for CMD be limited to Rs.4.735 lakhs, which includes Rs.2.5 lakh per phase + 18% GST and after reducing Rs. 98,689 already expended from SMMU AMRUT for publication and advertisement charges related to the 1st and 2nd tenders of PDMC.

6. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to release an amount of Rs.4.735 lakhs as professional fees for the bid process management support by Centre for Management Development (CMD), in connection with selection of a Consulting Firm as Project Development and Management Consultant (PDMC) for AMRUT 2.0

(By order of the Governor)
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