

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health Department - Director of Medical Education - Construction of Hospital block at Government Medical College, Kasaragod - Re allocation of an amount of Rs.7,07,48,000/- - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1463/2023/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20-06-2023

Read 1 GO(Rt)No.3875/2014/H&FWD dated 02.12.2014

- 2 GO(Rt)No.2224/2017/H&FWD dated 08.08.2017
- 3 G.O(Rt)No.953/2020/H&FWD dated 26/5/2020
- 4 Letter No.P4-586/2020/DME dated 20.04.2023 from DME
- 5 GO(Rt)No.4598/2023/Fin dated 16/06/2023

ORDER

Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the setting up of new Government Medical College (GMC) in Kasaragod District in 2012 and subsequently in 2013, 25.0639 hector land in Badiyadukka Village has been handed over to Medical Education Department. As per the recommendations of the Prabhakaran Committee Report, a sum of Rs.25 crore had been allotted from Kasaragod Development Package for the construction of Academic Block and allied works. The construction of GMC Kasaragod is planned in a phased manner. The Kasaragod Medical College is being set up by using different funds such as KDP, State Plan Fund, KIIFB and NABARD Funds. The construction of Academic Block which is funded by the KDP is almost finished and at present OP of the hospital is functioning at this building.

2. The construction of Hospital main block is a project under NABARD RIDF Scheme under Tranche XX. As per Government Order read as paper 1st above, Government accorded Administrative Sanction for the construction of Hospital block at Kasaragod for a total outlay of 6845 lakh with NABARD loan assistance of Rs.5,818.25 lakh and subsequently, revised Administrative Sanction for the construction of

Hospital block at Kasaragod for a total cost of Rs.95,08,75,877/-, was accorded vide Government Order read as paper 2nd above. M/s. KITCO was entrusted as the Project Management Consultant for the establishment of new Medical College at Kasaragod and KITCO awarded the work to M/S RR Thulasi Builders India Pvt Ltd for an amount of Rs.88,20,42,646. The work commenced on 31/08/2018 and the same is ongoing.

- 3. 57% of the work have been completed and the contractor submitted RABs amounting up to Rs.48,27,94,666. and the Technical Committee recommended to release an amount of Rs.48,09,52,832/- to the contractor for the work they have done for the construction of the hospital Block of GMC Kasaragode upto RAB 15. AS per the report of DME after deductions an amount of Rs.44,54,82,561/- should have been released to the contractor excluding statutory deductions up to RAB15, but due to the paucity of funds only an amount of Rs.37,30,47,046/- has been released to the contractor till now (Excluding Statutory Deductions). Hence an amount Rs.7,24,35,515/- is still pending to be released to the contractor for the work done, for the construction of hospital Block of GMC Kasaragode. DME has also informed that security deposit has been deducted at 5% instead of 2.5% while sanctioning fund releases on three occasions. Thus a total amount of Rs.35,31,705/- has been deducted from the petitioner in excess towards security deposit from three payment claims and the same needs to be refunded. (This amount also to be included in the pending payment).
- 4. Though Government have sanctioned the funds amounting up to Rs.53,92,28,000/- after considering the reimbursement claims. But out sanctioned Rs.53,92,28,000/-, of the total an amount Rs.37,30,47,046/- (Excluding Statutory Deductions) had only been released by DME to the contractor due to the insufficient allotments. DME has also pointed out that the reimbursement amount of Rs.7,07,48,000/- sanctioned by the Government vide Government Order read as paper 3rd above, could not be utilized since nationwide lock down was effected by the Government of India in the evening of 2020 March 24, and this fund was resumed by the Government on 31.03.2020. After that, reimbursement claims were being submitted by DME regularly and funds were sanctioned in accordance with those reimbursement claims and due to oversight DME could not submit a definite proposal for re-allotting the aforementioned amount of Rs.7,07,48,000/- to the Government and hence the amount is still not

utilized.

- **5.** In the aforesaid circumstances, DME has requested for the following:
 - a. To re-allot an amount of Rs. 7,07,48,000/- which was sanctioned vide Government Order read as paper 3rd above.
 - b. To sanction an amount of Rs.53,45,267/- by means of additional authorization so as to release the whole pending payment to the contractor.
- 6. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to re allocate an amount of Rs.7,07,48,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Seven lakh and Forty Eight Thousand Only) towards the project 'Construction of Hospital Block, Kasaragod', sanctioned under NABARD assisted project under Tranche XX, by debiting the expenditure under the head of account '4210-03-105-65 (01) PV New Medical College at Kasaragod (NABARD-RIDF)' from the budget provision of Rs.500/- lakh in the current financial year (2023-24) and from the amount of Rs.207.48/- lakh which has been authorized additionally vide Government Order read as paper 5th above.

(By order of the Governor)
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