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No.: HOKMB-TVM/85/2025-A1 (Fin)

Dated: 08-08-2025

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Budget performance for the year 2024-25

As per Section 16 of Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, all property, assets and funds and all rights to levy rates vested in Government for the purposes of the port are vested with the Board with effect from 02 May 2019, the appointed day. In order to create Port Infrastructure and for the proper upkeep of property and assets Government provides budgetary support every year under the major heads of 3051 and 5051. The budget performance for the Financial Year 2024-25 was as follows:

1. For the financial year 2024-25 board submitted budget proposal for Rs. 8753 lakhs (Rs.385 lakhs under 3051 and Rs.8368 lakhs under 5051).
2. In the budget for 2024-25 an amount of Rs. 5373 lakh was allocated by the Govt. (Rs. 350 lakhs under the head of account 3051 and Rs. 5023 lakhs under the head 5051).
3. Based on the budget allocation, Board had submitted proposals to the Government for administrative sanction for the financial year 2024-25 for Rs. 3001.78 lakh (Rs 117.05 lakhs under the head 3051 and Rs 2884.73 lakhs under the head 5051).
4. Out of which, administrative sanction has been received for Rs. 525.70 lakh from Govt. (Rs 114.91 lakhs under the head 3051 and Rs 410.79 lakhs under the head 5051).
5. During the financial year 2024-25 as against the administrative approval received for the year, work has been completed and bills for Rs. 52.68 lakh submitted to Govt. for allotting fund (Rs 12.039 lakhs under the head 3051 and Rs 40.370 lakhs under the head 5051). However, out of this, amount has been received for bills worth Rs 44.073 lakh only. Bills for Rs. 8.60 Lakh remains unpaid.
6. Further, Administrative sanctions for Rs. 2551.56 lakhs for various works accorded during prior years pending completion. Out of this works for Rs. 1646.16 lakh has been completed and bills were submitted to Govt. for fund. Out of this an amount of Rs. 957.10 lakh has been allotted and subsequently passed by the Treasury for payment.

7. During the year, though the amount has been sanctioned in BIMS, Rs. 30.76 lakh has not been processed for payment by treasury since the sanction was received at the end of the financial year.
8. Since the sanction of funds on completed works has not been received, the board has paid Rs. 814.06 Lakh from own fund till now, expecting allocation of funds from Government.
9. Overall works for Rs.1698.84 Lakh has been completed during the Financial Year 2024-25 against administrative approval received during 2024-25 and those pending.

The matter was placed before the 39th Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) held on 2nd July, 2025 and the Board noted the same.

Signed by
Chief Executive Officer/ Member Secretary
Shine A Haq

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HOKMB-TVM/520/2025-A7

25-07-2025

BOARD ORDER**Sub: Regarding Proposal for Activating auto sweep facility for the current account with Bank of Baroda**

The bank accounts opened with Bank of Baroda for specific purposes viz. for collection of revenue from dredging activities, revenue from IV activities and depositing GST are current accounts. Keeping balances in current accounts does not fetch any interest. The first two accounts are connected to internet payment gateways and the bank informed that such type of accounts can be opened as current accounts only. Considering the loss of interest in keeping balance in current account, the Board in 36th meeting held on 23 December 2024 (Agenda No.25) accorded sanction to open a separate savings bank account in Bank of Baroda for parking the revenue collected from dredging operations (Account No.74890020001427) and instructing the bank to transfer daily collection to the new SB account on T+1 basis and to transfer back to the current account when cheque for expenditure are given.

Upon submitting application for opening the new Savings Bank Account, the bank informed that, instead of opening new SB Account, it is advisable to transfer the daily balance in the account to short term Fixed deposits for terms of seven days and above by activating auto sweep facility. This facility fetches interest rates above the rates of interest on SB account. Accordingly, it is proposed to activate auto sweep facility for the following current accounts in the Bank of Baroda:

1. Account No.74890200001427 meant for collection of income from dredging operations.
2. Account No.74890200001457 meant for collection of income from IV activities.
3. Account No.05600200000731 meant for GST.

The 39 th Board after discussion unanimously.

1. **Resolved to request the Bank of Baroda to activate the auto sweep facility for the above-mentioned accounts.**
2. **Resolved further to keep in abeyance the earlier decision to open a separate Savings Bank Account for parking dredging revenue.**

Chief Executive Officer

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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HOKMB-TVM/144/2024-A6

19-07-2025

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Regarding Proposal for Opening a Bank Account with Canara Bank for Revenue Collection from Enforcement Activities under IV Rules

Government of Kerala vide Notification GO(P) No. 44/2023/Fisheries & Port dated 21st August 2023 designated KMB as Designated Authority for implementing various provisions in the Inland Vessels Act, 2021. For the successful implementation of the IV application module in the website of Kerala Maritime Board, Internet Payment Gateway integration & API in association with Bank Account current account No. 74890200001457 was opened in Bank of Baroda, Vellayambalam Branch, which had been approved by the Board in 32nd meeting held on 07 March 2024.

All the revenue arising from IV activities were either deposited by customers online or collected and deposited by designated officers in this account. The said account has been operated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Controller of Finance & Accounts (CFA) and Finance Officer (FO) with operating instruction by any two of three.

Revenue from Inland Vessel Act implementation broadly arises from two heads:

1. Registration, survey and allied activities; and
2. Enforcement of IV Rules like fines for violation of provisions in the Rules.

While the first category of revenue attracts GST as it involves service, the second category of revenue does not attract GST. In order to facilitate better analysis, monitoring, and accounting of revenue from such enforcement activities, it is proposed to open a separate bank account dedicated to collection of revenue arising from these activities.

Accordingly, the Board is requested to accord permission to open a Savings Account with Canara Bank to enable online collection and deposit of revenue generated through enforcement activities and said account can be operated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Controller of Finance & Accounts (CFA) and Finance Officer (FO) with operating instruction by any two of three.

The 39th Board after discussion unanimously

1. Resolved to approve the opening of a Savings Bank Account with Canara Bank exclusively for collecting revenue from enforcement activities under the Inland Vessels Act/Rules

2. Resolved further that the account shall be jointly operated by any two among the CEO, CFA, and FO..

Chief Executive Officer/ Member Secretary

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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HOKMB-TVM/804/2023-B1 (Esmt)-Part(2)

16-07-2025

Board Order

Sub:- Extension of Tenure of Contract Employees and Ratification of New Appointments/Extensions on Contract Basis
Read:- Minutes of meeting of the 39th Board meeting(Agenda No.8).

A proposal regarding the ratification of the actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer in extending contract appointments and making new appointments due to employee resignations, and another proposal to extend the contracts of employees whose terms are expiring shortly for a further period of one year, given their satisfactory performance, were placed before the 39th Board meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The Chairperson informed the Board that in the absence of an approved organogram and recruitment rules, the Board has been engaging professionals on a contract basis, in line with the decision taken in the meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on 26.12.2022.

It was further informed that the CEO has taken necessary actions for extending certain existing contract appointments and making new appointments due to resignation of employees. The details are as follows:

I. Contract Employees whose tenure expired and extended by CEO

Sl.No.	Name & Designation	Previous Tenure Expired on	Extended Up to
1.	Capt.Aswini Prathap.K, Port Officer	09/06/2025	09/06/2026
2.	Capt.Hari Achutha Varrier, Port Officer	20/06/2025	20/06/2026

II. Contract Employees whose tenure will expire shortly (Proposed for Extension)

Sl.No	Name & Designation	Present Tenure Expiry	Proposed Extension Up to
1.	Mr.Sreehari G Panikkar, Finance Management Trainee	31/07/2025	31/07/2026

2.	Ms.Sujasree NK, Finance Management Trainee	31/07/2025	31/07/2026
3.	Mrs.Upasana Krishnanan, Finance Management Trainee	04/08/2025	04/08/2026

III. New Appointments made on Contract basis.

Sl.No	Name & Designation	Date of Joining
1.	Ms.Aswathy SL, Finance Management Trainee	27/03/2025
2.	Mr.Jishnu Surendarn, Finanace Management Trainee	21/04/2025
3.	Ms.Hima B Nair, Finance Management Trainee	02/05/2025
4.	Capt.Deepak Balakrishnan, Port Officer	13/06/2025

After discussion, the Board

1. Resolved to ratify the action taken by the CEO in extending the tenure of the employees listed under Section I above, for a period of one year.
2. Resolved to approve the proposal to extend the contract of the employees that are expiring shortly for another year.
3. Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive officer to make new recruitments on contract basis for an initial period of one year due to resignation of employees.

Chief Executive Officer cum Member Secretary
Signed by
Shine A Haq
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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/454/2025-C5(land)

Date : 29-07-2025

Sub: Granting NOC for implementing floating bridge, ATV ride, and beach area development at Alappuzha beach-Reg

The Deputy Director of Tourism, Alappuzha, has requested a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for setting up various facilities at Port Beach in Alappuzha, including a floating bridge, ATV rides, beach area development, storage area, ticket counter, seating benches, and ambient lighting. Following this, the Port Officer requested a detailed proposal on the matter. Based on the available proposal, it was understood that this is a large-scale project. Therefore, the Port Officer, Alappuzha, conveyed that a revenue-sharing model would be appropriate. The Kerala Maritime Board is proceeding with the development of all its assets under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The development of Alappuzha Port land has been proposed for the second stage of this initiative.

However, since the Tourism Department has now submitted a proposal for the development of the beach area, which is also part of the Port land, the Kerala Maritime Board informed the Director of Tourism that if the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) is willing to implement a tripartite agreement among the Maritime Board, DTPC, and the project implementors for revenue sharing, the Board is prepared to approve the proposal. It was also informed that the Tourism Department should call for tenders for tourism-related activities by fixing a minimum license fee. To ensure smooth revenue sharing, an escrow mechanism will be established to facilitate monthly distribution of revenue between DTPC and the Kerala Maritime Board. The Board has confirmed its readiness to support and facilitate this arrangement.

The matter was placed as agenda 9 in the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July 2025.

The Board noted the agenda and expressed readiness to support the project under the proposed conditions.

Shine A Haq

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OFFICER

Signed by

Shine A Haq

Date: 29-07-2025 18:20:08

Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1279/2023-C2

Date:16-07-2025

Sub: ICP Status for Azhikkal Port

Out of the four functional non major ports under the Kerala Maritime Board (Vizhinjam- Kovalam, Kollam, Azhikkal and Beypore), all are having ISPS (security status) and three out of four (except Azhikkal) are having ICP status. Process for obtaining ICP status for the Azhikkal port also has been initiated and the facilities to be provided for the ICP also have been prepared in discussion with the FRRO. It is tentatively calculated that around Rs.25 Lakhs need to be spent for arranging the minimum infrastructure facilities alone in the Port.

Prior to the Union Home Secretary's visit to the State which was cancelled in the last minute, ACS (Home) and Joint Secretary (Home) Union Ministry have also called separate meetings to discuss this matter. The FRRO of the region was also present in the meeting called by the Joint Secretary (Home). The FRRO informed that there is no movement of foreign vessels or foreign national through this port and hence the investment will become a dead one. He also informed that the deployment of personnel will be on cost recovery basis and more infrastructures needs to be provided in the port for facilitating the emigration clearances. FRRO also informed that they can manage the emigration clearances from their present office if any urgent case crops up. The Joint Secretary asked the CEO the reason for going ahead with the ICP status to a port that has no vessel movement. The CEO assured that the matter will be discussed in the board meeting and decision will be communicated in the due course.

The matter was placed before the 39th Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration and the Board, resolved to continue efforts to obtain ICP Status for Azhikkal Port, recognizing its long- term strategic value and potential for future development.

Signed by
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ MEMBER SECRETARY
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Board Order as per the Decision No. 11 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board)

No: HOKMB-TVM/229/2024-D1 (Tech)

Date: 04-08-2025

Subject: Utilization of Grab Dredger berthing at Asramam Wharf, Kollam Port reg.

The Port Officer, Kollam, vide Letter No. C1-2137/2008 dated 07/06/2022, informed that the Grab Dredger moored at Asramam Wharf is in a dilapidated condition and requested its condemnation.

The matter was discussed in the meeting held on 09/06/2022, chaired by the Hon'ble Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board, wherein it was decided to call for a detailed report from the Port Officer, Kollam, on the possible effective utilization of the dredger.

Subsequently, vide Letter No. C1-1730/2022 dated 04/07/2022, the Port Officer, Kollam submitted a proposal for the repair and utilization of the dredger. The proposal was submitted by Shri K. M. Jalal, a PWD Class A Contractor, who expressed willingness to take the dredger on rent and carry out the necessary repairs. He proposed that the repair cost be adjusted against the rent payable to the Board.

The matter was placed before the Board as Decision No. 11 of the 25th Board Meeting. After detailed discussion, the Board observed that the proposal offered an opportunity to operationalize the dredger without any financial burden on the Board. However, since the dredger cannot be leased directly to a private party, it was decided to invite an Expression of Interest (EOI)/Request for Proposal (RFP) to explore other competitive options (Board Order No. D1-1779/2021 dated 20/10/2022).

Despite inviting tenders thrice through CMD, no bids were received. CMD's Bid Evaluation Report dated 20/07/2023 confirmed that no proposals were submitted, and the EOI was consequently cancelled.

In the meantime, the Port Officer, Kollam received alternative direct proposals for the dredger's utilization. Accordingly, on 09/08/2023, he was requested to select the most feasible proposal with a clear recommendation.

He recommended the proposal submitted by Shri K. M. Jalal, who was again willing to take the dredger on rent after performing the necessary repairs. The estimated cost of repair was ₹10 lakh, which he proposed to deduct in installments of ₹50,000 per month from the rent of ₹1,50,000 payable to KMB.

The proposal was found feasible and beneficial. A meeting was held by the CEO, DDP, and MME with the contractor. Following discussions and negotiation, the proposal was placed before the Board and approved under Decision No. 07 of the 31st Board Meeting with the following conditions:

1. The dredger will be leased at a monthly rent of ₹1,50,000.
2. The Asst. Executive Engineer (M), Kollam will prepare the repair estimate and supervise the repair work. The actual repair cost, or ₹10 lakh, whichever is lower, will be deducted from the rent at ₹50,000 per month until the amount is recovered.
3. Accessories like the dredger pipe lying idle at Kodungallur will be provided to the contractor.
4. The grab and crane components will be removed and scrapped by KMB.
5. Rent will be payable from the date of handing over the dredger post-repair.
6. A formal agreement shall be executed with the contractor by the Port Officer, Kollam.

The Assistant Executive Engineer (M), Kollam prepared a PRICE Estimate (No. 2024/6) of ₹16,76,400 for the repair and conversion of the Grab Dredger into a Sand Pump Dredger.

However, despite taking the dredger to Kochaiyath Boat Yard, Karunagappally, on 30/03/2024 at his own expense and paying ₹1,00,000 as an advance, the contractor failed to complete the work. Consequently, the CEO directed the Port Officer, Kollam, to initiate legal and revenue recovery proceedings against Shri K. M. Jalal.

An assessment by the AEE (M), Kollam dated 27/08/2024 confirmed that the repair works as per Estimate No. 2024/6 were not completed. The boatyard submitted an invoice for ₹8,16,030, claiming the contractor had not paid any amount beyond the initial advance. The AEE estimated the actual completed work at ₹6,39,251.

Following this, Board officials visited the yard on 27/03/2025 to assess the current condition of the dredger and the value of the completed work.

To prevent further deterioration due to rusting, the Port Officer submitted another PRICE Estimate (No. 2024/24) for ₹4,34,600 for dry-docking and painting the vessel without altering its current structure.

Since the PMU at headquarters is taking steps to utilize the dredger under the PPP model (such as a floating restaurant), the painting work is essential for preservation. The minutes of the meeting held on 27/03/2025 also recommend proceeding with this work.

The Port Officer, Kollam, also informed on 05/03/2025 that towing the dredger from Kochaiyath Boat Yard to Kollam Port would cost approximately ₹1 lakh. As the painting must be done in dry-docked condition, and Kochaiyath Boat Yard is the only nearby facility suitable for this, it is recommended that the painting be completed at the yard itself to avoid further logistical costs.

At present, the dredger is safely moored at Kochaiyath Boat Yard, Karunagappally. Once painting is completed, the dredger can either be returned to Kollam Port or an EOI can be floated for utilization from its current location.

In this regard, administrative sanction was granted (Proceedings No. HOKMB-TVM/229/2024-D1 (Tech) dated 25/04/2025) from the General Fund of KMB for the

painting works amounting to ₹4,34,600.

Technical sanction was subsequently issued by the Mechanical Technical Committee of KMB, vide Order No. HOKMB-TVM/229/2024-D1 (Tech) dated 16/05/2025.

The above matter has been placed on the 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board) as decision no. 11 for the necessary decision. The Board was briefed on the steps taken regarding the Grab Dredger at Kollam Port, including prior leasing attempts, partial repairs by the contractor, and subsequent administrative and technical sanctions for painting to preserve the vessel.

Considering the potential for future utilization of the dredger under the PPP model (such as for a floating restaurant), the Board deliberated the matter.

After examining all the factors relating to this subject, **the board unanimously resolved**

- 1. To ratify the actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer so far regarding the utilization and preservation of the Grab Dredger moored at Asramam Wharf, Kollam.*
- 2. To grant permission to proceed with leasing out the dredger under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, including exploring possibilities such as conversion to a floating restaurant, through the Project Management Unit (PMU).*

Shine A Haq
Chief Executive Officer/ Member Secretary

Signed by

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 12 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board)

No: HOKMB-TVM/1158/2024-D1 (Tech)

Date: 04-08-2025

Subject: Registration renewal/Disposal of KL-01-BC-5789 number registered Mini Bus at Kodungallur Maritime Institute reg.

As per Government Letter No. 03/D1/2018/F&PD dated 21/06/2018, the vehicle bearing registration number KL-01-BC-5789 (Mini Bus), originally purchased on 25/08/2011 for the Port Department, was transferred to the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur. The vehicle has completed 14 years of service and has covered approximately 33,000 kilometers. The time has now arrived to renew the registration of the vehicle.

As per the prevailing regulations in India, passenger buses must undergo mandatory fitness testing at intervals based on their age. Vehicles less than 15 years old require fitness testing every two years, while those older than 15 years must be tested annually. These tests are conducted at designated Automated Testing Stations (ATS). Commercial vehicles, including passenger buses, can legally operate only upon obtaining a valid fitness certificate.

As per the Government of India Notification G.S.R. 29(E) dated 16.01.2023, the registration certificates of government vehicles become invalid upon completion of 15 years from the date of initial registration. Consequently, the Government of Kerala revised the guidelines for the scrapping and disposal of departmental vehicles, as per G.O.(P) No. 27/2025/FIN dated 18/03/2025.

Due to non-usage between 2017 and 2021 and the corrosive effects of sea breeze and harsh weather, the vehicle required extensive repairs to make it roadworthy. The details of repair works carried out in the last three financial years are as follows:

Sl No.	Repair works	Work order issued from	Amount Released	Office order details for Amount Released	Remarks
1	For making the vehicle transportation condition	Head Office KMB	Rs.1,86,200/-	Proceedings no. A2-3032/2017 dated 30/06/2022	Ratified by the Board order issued (No: HOKMB-TVM/596/2023-A2 (Fin) Date: 08-10-2024)
2	Due to the impact of weather	Head Office KMB	Rs. 2,16,000/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB-TVM/596/2023-A2 (Fin) dated 27/09/2023	
3	Repair works for passing the CF Test & Green test	Head Office KMB	Rs. 80,952/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB-TVM/596/2023-A2 (Fin) dated 15/03/2024	
4	Transportation expenses	Head Office KMB	Rs. 10,000/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB-TVM/596/2023-A2 (Fin) dated 26/09/2023	
5	Break down repair works	KMI, Kodungalloor	Rs. 82,939/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB-	

				TVM/596/2023-A2 (Fin) dated 23/02/2024	
6	Annual test fees	KMI, Kodungalloor	Rs. 31,222/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB- TVM/1158/2024-D1 (Tech) Dated 28-09-2024	Ratified by the Board order issued (No: HOKMB- TVM/1158/2024- D1 (Tech) Date: 05- 05-2025)
7	Repair works	KMI, Kodungalloor	Rs. 1,15,569/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB- TVM/1158/2024-D1 (Tech) Dated 15-02-2025	
8	Annual Test expense	KMI, Kodungalloor	Rs. 77,204/-	Proceedings no. HOKMB- TVM/1158/2024-D1 (Tech) Dated 10-06-2025	For the information of the Board
Grand Total			Rs. 8,00,086/-		

Despite the repairs, the vehicle has not been utilized effectively at the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur. Discussions with the Principal reveal that there is no foreseeable use for the vehicle at the Institute. In light of this, it appears that continuing to retain the vehicle would be an unnecessary liability to the Board.

If the vehicle is sold now in accordance with G.O.(P) No. 27/2025/FIN dated 18/03/2025, it can be put to alternative uses, such as by driving schools, or converted into mobile restaurants, etc.

Further, as per G.O.(Rt) No. 72/2025/F&P dated 28/01/2025, the Government has authorized the Mechanical Engineering Wing of the Board to issue necessary certifications for all vehicles under KMB. Therefore, the required certificates can be obtained from the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical) to facilitate the disposal of the vehicle upon obtaining Board approval.

The above matter has been placed on 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board) as decision no. 12 for necessary decision. The Board was apprised that the minibus KL-01-BC-5789, transferred to Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur, has completed 14 years and undergone multiple repairs totaling ₹8,00,086. Despite this, the vehicle remains underutilized, and the Institute has confirmed there is no foreseeable need for it.

As per the government norms, the registration of government vehicles becomes invalid after 15 years. In view of this and to avoid further liability, it was proposed to dispose of the vehicle in accordance with G.O.(P) No. 27/2025/FIN dated 18/03/2025. The Mechanical Engineering Wing is authorized to issue the necessary certification for disposal.

After examining all the factors relating to this subject, **the board unanimously resolved to dispose of Mini Bus KL-01-BC-5789 and authorized the Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), Kollam to proceed with the required certification and also authorized the custodian of the vehicle to complete the disposal formalities.**

Shine A Haq
Chief Executive Officer/ Member Secretary

Signed by
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Board Order as per the Decision No. 13 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/274/2025-D2 (TECH)

Date: 15-07-2025

Sub: Implementation of Closed User Group (CUG) Mobile Connections for Kerala Maritime Board Officials - Approval for Provisioning of CUG Mobile SIM Cards and Selection of Service Provider - Permission Reg.

Apart from the normal port related activities, the KMB is entrusted with the implementation of the provisions of Inland Vessels Act-2021 (for mechanized vessels). No additional manpower has been allotted for undertaking this task. Accordingly, all the registration and survey of mechanized inland vessels are being carried out effectively by the personnel authorized for this purpose. Along with that inspection of the vessels and enforcement of the provisions of the IV Act and though imposing fine and detaining the vessels are also being carried out by the designated employees. Both the port activities and IV related activities involves a huge task, and all the related employees have to be kept in loop always.

It is proposed to issue Closed User Group (CUG) SIM cards to officers of the Kerala Maritime Board to enhance internal communication and operational efficiency. A CUG SIM allows secure, cost-effective communication within a defined group, and this system is already in use by departments such as the Kerala Police and Motor Vehicles Department. Following the latter's model, it is proposed that officers of KMB may use their personal dual-SIM mobile devices to host the CUG SIM, and no mobile handsets will be issued by the department.

Proposals are received from the major telecom providers such as BSNL, Airtel, and Vodafone Idea (Vi) offer CUG SIM cards tailored for government organizations. A comparative analysis of postpaid CUG plans from leading telecom providers - BSNL, Vodafone Idea (Vi), Airtel, and Jio was conducted. Both BSNL and Vi have submitted identical proposals under a 199/month plan (235 with GST), offering unlimited voice calls, 1 GB/day data, and 100 SMS/day. BSNL additionally offers waived charges for SIM, activation, and security deposit, along with the appointment of a dedicated nodal officer for government coordination. Furthermore, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued a directive encouraging all government departments and PSUs to utilize BSNL/MTNL services, considering their improved competitiveness and the policy preference for public sector providers.

Based on the evaluation, it is proposed to issue 43 CUG SIM cards to selected KMB officers. The estimated cost will be Rs. 10,105/- per month and Rs. 1,21,260/- annually. The Board is therefore requested to grant permission to proceed with the issuance of CUG SIM cards to KMB officers, authorize the annual expenditure of Rs. 1,21,260/-, and finalize BSNL as the service provider, in line with government guidelines and its dedicated support offerings.

The same was put up for discussion in the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July, 2025 vide Agenda no: 13.

The Board after detailed discussion, resolved to:

- 1. Approve the issuance of CUG SIM cards to 43 KMB officers using their personal dual-SIM handsets.**
- 2. Finalize M/s BSNL as the service provider in line with government guidelines and service advantages.**
- 3. Approve the annual expenditure of Rs. 1,21,260/- for the same.**

Shine A Haq
Member Secretary/
Signed by Chief Executive Officer
Shine A Haq
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Board Order as per the Decision No. 14 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/565/2025-D2 (TECH)

Date: 15-07-2025

Sub: The revamped Official Website and the web application modules of Kerala Maritime Board developed by M/s. ULCCS Ltd. - Approval for Granting Administrative Sanction for Annual AMC Proposal Submitted by M/s. ULCCS Ltd. - Permission Reg.

The 23rd Board Meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board had unanimously resolved to entrust the project titled "Revamping of the Existing Website of Kerala Maritime Board" to M/s. ULCCS Ltd. Based on the proposal submitted by the developer, the Government accorded administrative sanction for Rs. 32,61,000/- vide G.O. (Rt) No. 696/2022/F&P dated 22/10/2022. A work order was issued on 09/12/2022, and an agreement was executed for the period from 24/02/2023 to 23/08/2023. The project, divided into two phases, included revamping the official website and augmenting technical support for three application modules Dredging, Inland Vessel (IV), and Landing & Shipping. The revamped website was launched on 22/07/2023. Due to technical incompatibility with the source code provided by C-DIT, the Dredging module had to be developed from scratch, leading to time extensions through supplemental agreements, with the latest agreement valid until 24/04/2025. Development of the Landing & Shipping module was put on hold following a Central Government initiative, and in its place, the IV Enforcement Mobile Application was included in Phase 2.

After successive reviews, including in the 30th Board Meeting, the Board approved revised administrative sanction for the completion of the remaining modules, and an offer acceptance letter was issued on 19/03/2024. The IV Connect Portal (Kerala Nouka) was launched on 24/07/2024. Despite these milestones, further development work, including major change requests in the Dredging and IV modules, remained incomplete. Consequently, M/s. ULCCS requested a final time extension of nine months, which was granted through a third supplemental agreement extending the contract till 24/04/2025. In a meeting held on 05/03/2025, it was mutually agreed that no further extension would be provided, and that the AMC period would begin from 01/05/2025.

M/s. ULCCS Ltd. has submitted a proposal dated 07/05/2025 for providing one year of AMC support for the applications developed under the project. The scope of the AMC includes the Dredging Application (including Ponnani and Azhikkal Ports), the IV Application, the IV Enforcement Mobile Application, the revamped Official Website, and

the Micro Website of KMB. M/s. ULCCS will provide remote technical support including bug fixing, minimal modifications, and issue resolution, limited to a cumulative 140 man-days over the one-year period. Any additional on-site support required will be billed separately. The AMC is valid from 01/05/2025 for 12 months and is renewable annually at mutually agreed rates. The total estimated cost of the AMC is Rs. 9,75,814/- inclusive of taxes. Since the third supplemental agreement expired on 24/04/2025, technical support from M/s. ULCCS is currently limited, although the team continues to process major change requests in the Dredging and IV application modules also the IV Enforcement Mobile Application and the Micro website of KMB is being under development.

Given the critical nature of the remaining work and the need for uninterrupted technical support, it is proposed that the AMC proposal submitted by M/s. ULCCS be placed before the reconstituted Technical Committee (IT, Electronics and Digital Projects) for detailed examination and recommendation. Based on the Committee's recommendations, the matter also has to be placed before the Working Group for obtaining formal administrative sanction from the Government. Normally, getting administrative sanction and fund released from Government is time consuming and if KMB waits for it, M/s. ULCCS may not complete their work in time due to non-release of funds to them. In the interim, it is requested that internal administrative sanction be accorded for the AMC amount of Rs. 9,75,814/- from the General Fund of KMB. The Board is therefore requested to grant permission to accord administrative sanction for the AMC proposal and to issue the acceptance letter to M/s. ULCCS Ltd., enabling continued technical support and completion of the remaining tasks under the project.

The same was put up for discussion in the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July, 2025 vide Agenda no: 14.

The Board after detailed discussion, resolved to grant provisional administrative sanction for Rs. 9,75,814/- from the General Fund of KMB and to issue the acceptance letter to M/s. ULCCS Ltd., enabling uninterrupted technical support until formal AS and fund release is obtained from the Government.

Shine A Haq
Member Secretary/
Chief Executive Officer
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Board Order

No: HOKMB-TVM/979/2024-E1

10-07-2025

Sub : Validity of KIV Certificates of various categories Extension-ratification

The Inland Vessel Act-2021 and the Inland Vessel (Manning) Rules-2022 specify the courses to be conducted to get certificates for manning the mechanised inland vessels. It also specifies the courses that the existing certificate holders under the KIV Rules must undergo to get it converted to the eligible certificate as per the new Act and Rules. Based on the in-principle approval given by the IWAI in one of the Advisory Committee meetings, KMB started the conversion courses in the Maritime Institutes of KMB at Kodungallur and Neendakara.

As per the Inland Vessel Manning Rules-2022 all the existing certificate holders shall convert to the certificates under the Manning Rules within two years from the date of notification of the rule. However, there were widespread resentment against this provision as there was not enough facility to provide training which is prerequisite for such conversions. Also, the existing license holders and the mechanised boat industry, including the houseboat industry, protested against such prerequisite for conversion to the certificates under new rule. This issue was taken up with the Union Government at different levels, including Minister to Minister. Existing license holders also approached the Hon: high Court against such provision under IV (manning rule) and the Hon: High Court ordered that existing certificates will be valid unless and until it's got cancelled for other reasons. IWAI also got convinced about the difficulties posed to the industry has agreed to extend the date for conversion by another 3 years. Accordingly, the draft amendment rule which contains provisions, interalia, for the extension of the date of conversion to June-2027. However, the rules have not yet been published finally.

Based on the Hon: High Court's order and the assurance from the IWAI, the Board also has taken steps to extend the validity of the existing certificates by one year and stamped the same in the original certificates. This was done based on the request from existing certificate holders as they faced difficulties in applying for various courses. Since this extension is ending on 5th June-2025. The existing license holders again requested to endorse the further extension of the validity of the license in their license books as they will be denied admission for various courses and cannot apply for any of the posts without a valid license. More over, if any, accident happens for the vessel, the insurance company also will deny the insurance benefits citing invalid license.

As the issues raised by the existing license holders are genuine and are to be acted upon quickly, the Chief Executive Officer issued circular HOKMB-HOKMB-TVM/979/2024-E1 on May 22, 2025, extending the validity of existing certificates under the KIV Rules. As per the circular, the validity of these certificates has been extended by

one year. Furthermore, with the proposed amendment to the new IV Act setting the conversion deadline as June 2027, all existing certificate holders are advised to complete the conversion to the new certificate on or before March 31, 2027.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 15 before the 39th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After examining all factors relating to the issue, the Board resolved to the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in issuing the above circular extending the validity of existing KIV certificates by one year and advising conversion by 31/03/2027.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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HOKMB-TVM/979/2024-E1

22-05-2025

Circular No.09/2025**Sub : Validity of KIV Certificates of various categories-Extension-reg-**

The Inland Vessel Act-2021 and the Inland Vessel (Manning) Rules-2022 specify the courses required for obtaining certificates to operate mechanized inland vessels. They also outline the conversion process for existing certificate holders under the KIV Rules to align with the new Act and Rules. Following in-principle approval from the IWAI Advisory Committee, KMB initiated these conversion courses at its Maritime Institutes in Kodungallur and Neendakara.

As per the Inland Vessel Manning Rules-2022, all existing certificate holders were initially required to convert their certificates within two years of the rule's notification, with the deadline set for June 2024. However, this provision faced widespread opposition due to insufficient training facilities and protests from existing license holders and the mechanized boat industry, including the houseboat sector, against the prerequisite for conversion. This matter was escalated to the Union Government at various levels, including Minister-to-Minister discussions. Existing license holders also challenged this provision in the Hon'ble High Court, which ruled that existing certificates would remain valid unless cancelled for other reasons. The IWAI, acknowledging the industry's difficulties, has agreed to extend the conversion deadline by an additional three years. Consequently, a draft amendment rule, which includes a provision for extending the conversion date to June 2027, has been proposed, though it is not yet finalized.

Based on the Hon'ble High Court's order and IWAI's assurance, the Board has already extended the validity of existing certificates by one year, stamping the same on the original certificates. This action was taken in response to requests from certificate holders facing difficulties in applying for various courses. As this extension is set to expire on June 5, 2025, a further extension is necessary.

In light of these circumstances, the validity of existing certificates under the KIV Rules is hereby extended by one year. Furthermore, given the proposed amendment to the new IV Act setting the conversion deadline as June 2027, all existing certificate holders are advised to complete the conversion to the new certificate on or before March 31, 2027.

Shine A Haq
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1. All Port of Registries
2. The Principal, Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur/Neendakara

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Board Order

No: HOKMB-TVM/1117/2024-E1

11-07-2025

Sub : Inviting e-tender--Development of Kerala Maritime Education and Edutainment Hub (K-MEEH), Neendakara, Kollam in PPP mode-ratification

The Government had granted permission to develop the Neendakara and Kodungallur Maritime Institutes under the Kerala Maritime Society into an international standard maritime academy with private participation, as per Government Order (G.O (Rt) No. 236/2024/F&PD dated May 9, 2024. The Government, in the Governor's policy address and budget speech, had also declared its intention to transform Kerala into a maritime education hub.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was invited on October 24, 2024, to develop the Neendakara Maritime Institute with private participation. Subsequently, an Industry Conclave was held on December 2, 2024, at Bolgatty Palace in Kochi, bringing together maritime experts, educators, and industry leaders to shape the future of maritime education and innovation. Forty industry representatives participated in this conclave. A pre-EOI meeting was held on January 7, 2025, at KTDC Mascot Hotel in Thiruvananthapuram, attended by 23 industry representatives. By the final submission date for EOI, a total of 5 Expressions of Interest were received, including proposals from M/s USDC Global India Private Limited, M/s Mariners Educational Trust, M/s Educational and Charitable Trust of Archdiocese of Verapoly, M/s International Academy of Logistics Management (IALM), and M/s Sreesankaracharya Institute of Advanced Skills.

After a detailed evaluation of the proposals, the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) and the terms of the Concessionaire Agreement prepared by the Project Management Unit appointed by the Kerala Maritime Board were reviewed by the Chairman, CEO, and Legal Consultant of the Kerala Maritime Board. It was also decided that it would be appropriate to publish the draft Concessionaire Agreement as part of the RFP. Since this is the first Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project of the Maritime Board, detailed studies and continuous discussions were required to ensure a transparent tender process and to prepare a flawless RFP and agreement. This has resulted in a delay in the process after obtaining government approval. To prevent further delays in this matter, the e-tender has been published and advertisements placed in leading newspapers simultaneously with the submission of the RFP and agreement to the government for approval. The tender period has been set for 45 days. The Government has been informed that any Government directives regarding this can be issued later as a corrigendum/addendum and requested to accord approval preferably within 30 days. Also under the current tender, the period for development under the PPP model is set for 30 years. It is generally observed that those investing more tend to request a proportionally longer period. Private investors usually make this request during the pre-bid meeting. As per the Kerala Maritime Board Act, government approval is required to lease the Board's assets for more than 30 years. Therefore, the Government was requested on June 6, 2025, to grant the Maritime Board the power to extend the lease period up to 45 years as per Section 22 of the KMB Act, if private investors request a longer period commensurate with their investment volume.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item. 16 before the 39th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Board ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in inviting the e-tender and initiating the process for the development of K-MEEH, Neendakara, under the PPP mode.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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Board Order

No: HOKMB-TVM/434/2025-E1

10-07-2025

Sub : Issues in respect of grant of Certificate of Competency to crew for inland vessels

The Inland Vessel Act-2021 and the Inland Vessel (Manning) Rules-2022 specify the courses required for obtaining certificates to operate mechanized inland vessels. They also outline the conversion courses for existing certificates issued under the Kerala Inland Vessel (KIV) Rules to make it valid under the new Act and Rules. Following in-principle approval from the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) during an Advisory Committee meeting, KMB initiated these conversion courses at its Maritime Institutes in Kodungallur and Neendakara.

As per the Inland Vessel Manning Rules-2022, all existing certificate holders were mandated to convert their certificates to the new Manning Rules within two years from the date of notification. So, the deadline for this conversion was June 2024. However, the cutoff date has been extended to March 2027 through a draft amendment to the IV Manning Rules. Also, Hon: High Court in a case filed by the stakeholders, ordered that the existing licenses can be continued unless its cancelled otherwise (31/05/2025).

Under the new Act and Rules, a new applicant seeking a license under IV (Manning rules) must undergo training for Master Class-3, which is the entry-level license. This license can be obtained only after undergoing a training course for General Purpose Rating" with a duration of three-months followed by three years of experience.

Most of the mechanized vessels operating in Kerala are small or medium vessels like house boats and other pleasure boats like shikkara boats etc. for which the norms for license approval to be very complicated. If these rules are made applicable in Kerala, entire industry will be affected badly. Further such long duration courses or experiences are not required for operating the small and medium vessels that ply only within the inland waters of Kerala.

Earlier, the certificate for operating such vessels, like Lascar, Serang etc. were issued under KIV Rules. However, after the notification of the IV Act and IV (Manning) Rules it has become legally impossible to issue such certificates.

This issue was taken up with the IWAI many times, and finally they have come up with a draft Special Category Vessel Rules in which small vessels including the house boats have been included. We have proposed a short-term training course in line with the KIV courses for issuing licenses for operating such special category vessels. The same is under the consideration of the IWAI and Ministry of Shipping.

It is pertinent to note that the industry is already facing a significant shortage of licensed crew to operate vessels. In the absence of qualified crew, Boat owners/operators may engage crew

who are not duly qualified as per Law to operate the vessels posing a substantial threat to passenger safety also. Though Houseboat owners are frequently requesting the revival of KIV licenses, KMB is unable to address the issue due to legal impediments.

The Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board has sent a letter to the Chairman of IWAI detailing all these issues and requested permission to restart the courses to issue certificates under KIV Rules till the Special Category Vessel Rules are published. It may be noted that the Sec.114 of the IV Act-2021 says that the

(1) The Inland Vessel Act-1917 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the enactment referred to in sub-section (1)

(a) Any notification, rule, regulation, bye-law, order or exemption issued, made or granted under the enactment hereby repealed shall, if it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue to be in force unless and until revoked and shall have effect as if it had been issued, made or granted under the corresponding provisions of this Act:

Sec. 2 of the IV Act, which says the application and scope of the provisions of the Act specifically says that the Chapter VI, which deals with the manning requirement shall be applicable for the Special category vessels also. However the *Chapter VII Sec.42 (2) says that the requirements of construction, design, survey, registration, manning, qualification, competency, or more requirements in addition to those contained elsewhere in this Act shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government. As per Sec.42(3) The State Government has been given power to identify the vessels as special category vessels based on the criteria prescribed by the Central Government*

The IWAI has now proposed the draft rules for the special category vessels based on the above provisions. In that draft it has been agreed to introduce a special short term training course also for operating the special category vessels that ply within the limits of inland waters of the State. Now, a decision has to be taken regarding the continuation of issuing licenses as per the existing KIV Rules pending amendment to the Manning Rules and notification of the Special Category Rules.

The above matter has placed as Agenda No. 17 before the 39th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval. After examining all the factors relating to the issue, board unanimously:

1. Resolved to approve continuation of conversion exams (e.g., Lascar to Serang) until March 31, 2027, in line with the draft Manning Rule amendment.

2. Resolved to approve continuation of issuing licenses under KIV Rules until notification of the Special Category Vessel Rules, invoking Section 114 of the IV Act, 2021.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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Board Order

No: HOKMB-TVM/550/2025-E1

10-07-2025

Sub : Extension of contract period and enhancement of salary of Finance Management Trainee - Smt.Vijitha K.V

The Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI) at Kodungallur and Neendakara, whose operations are overseen by a Principal and supporting staff, has identified a need for specialized financial expertise. To address this, particularly concerning GST filing and audit procedures, and to manage the financial aspects of the new Inland Vessel training system courses, a Finance Management Trainee was appointed. Pursuant to Board Order No. HOKMB-TVM/26/2024-E1 dated 02/02/2024, Smt. Vijitha K.V. was initially appointed from Ernakulam chapter of ICWAI on a contract basis for one year, with a consolidated monthly pay of Rs. 20,000. Her role involved crucial financial tasks such as systematic bookkeeping, banking operations, preparation of returns, and accounting using Tally software for both the Kodungallur and Neendakara institutes.

Given the indispensable nature of Smt. Vijitha K. V.'s contributions to the Finance Section, the Principal of KMI, Kodungallur, has recommended an extension of her contract and a salary increase. In this circumstance, it has been decided to extend Smt. Vijitha K.V.'s tenure for a further one year and thus proceedings was issued on 29th May 2025.

The above matter was placed as Agenda Item No. 18 before the 39th Kerala Maritime Board meeting for approval.

After a examining all facts relating to this issue, the Board is resolved to:

- 1. Ratified the action of the Chief Executive Officer in extending the contract of Smt Vijitha K V***
- 2. Approved the enhancement of Smt. Vijitha K.V.'s salary from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- per month.***

Member Secretary/Chief Executive Officer

Signed by

Shine A Haq

Date: 10-07-2025 16:46:10



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
KERALA MARITIME BOARD,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695010

(Present: Shine A Haq)

Sub: Kerala Maritime Board – Establishment – Extension of contract period of Finance Management
 Trainee-Smt Vijitha K V – Orders – Issued

- Read
1. Board Order No. HOKMB-TVM/26/2024-E1 dated 02/02/2024
 2. Proceedings No. A2-244/2022 dated 20/5/2024 of the Principal, Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur
 3. Letter No.244/2022 dated 23/5/2025 of the Principal, Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur

ORDER No. HOKMB-TVM/550/2025-E1

29-05-2025

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To: A7 section (for information)

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2. Finance Officer, Head Office, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Principal, Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur
4. A3 section, Head Office, Thiruvananthapuram
5. G Section

Signed by

Shine A Haq

Date: 29-05-2025 15:41:38

Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1284/2024-E3

27-07-2025

Sub : Extension of the contract appointment period of surveyor - cum- Naval Architects and appointment as surveyor

- I. As per the minutes of the meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on December 26, 2022, it was decided to engage Centre for Management Development (CMD) to recruit professionals on a contract basis for KMB. Following this, the persons mentioned below were appointed as Surveyors under the Inland Vessel Act & Rules on a contract basis through CMD and their initial appointment periods were extended. They are continuing in their roles. They have also been assigned duties pertaining to the design and construction of Inland Vessels. They are performing well with the entrusted duties and responsibilities. Their present contract periods have expired on the dates noted against their names.

1. Shri.Nandakumar V K - 30/05/2025

2. Shri.Jofin Lukose - 12/07/2025

Hence, the matter was placed before Board, seeking permission to extend their contract period for a further period of one year from the date of expiry of their respective tenures, considering their experience.

II Also as per the decision taken in the 34th Board Meeting, Shri.Vignes K M was appointed as Naval Architect, overseeing the design and approval of Class B and Class C vessels under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 on contract basis through CMD, and he continues to serve in this capacity. Meanwhile he has requested to consider him for the post of Surveyor stating that he had acquired the qualifications of a Surveyor as per Rule 23(e) of the Inland Vessels (Survey and Certification) Rules, 2022, submitting his bio-data highlighting his B.Tech in Naval Architecture and a total of seven years of experience, including his current service in KMB. To verify his eligibility, a committee comprising of three members was constituted by KMB, with Deputy Director of Ports as

Chairman. The committee examined his qualifications and submitted a report on June 6, 2025, confirming that Mr.Vignes K.M. is elible to function as a surveyor as of June 21, 2025 upon considering his experience in KMB too.

Board was informed that, as there is severe shortage of surveyors at KMB for the smooth implementing of the Inland Vessels Act, it would be ideal to entrust him with the additional duties of a surveyor, alongside his existing role as Naval Architect, with the same remuneration of Surveyor-cum-Naval Architect. Based on the recommendation of the verification committee, it was proposed to entrust him with the additional duties of Surveyor, effective 22/06/2025, with the same remuneration and fees applicable to Surveyor-cum-Naval Architects.

The above two matters was placed before before the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July 2025 vide Agenda no: 19.

The Board discussed the matter and :

- 1. Approved the extension of contract of Shri. Nadakumar V K (wef 31/05/2025) and Shri.Joffin Lukose (wef 13/07/2025) for one year. Also approved initiation of action to notify their continued appointment as Surveyors in the official Gazette under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021.**
- 2. Approved to engage Shri. Vighnes K.M. as Surveyor in addition to his present role as Naval Architect, with the same remuneration as Surveyor-cum-Naval Architect from the date of notification by the Government and to request Government to appoint him and notify the same in the official Gazette**

**Chief Executive Officer cum
Member Secretary**

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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HOKMB-TVM/1192/2023-B3 (e-govce)

Dated:19-07-2025

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Approval of "The Manner of Reporting Wreck, Abandonment, Damage, Casualty, Accident, Explosion or Loss and Powers of District Magistrate and Procedures for Inquiry into accidents in Inland Waters Rules, 2025", and Detention of inland vessels Rules, 2025

The Inland Vessels Act, 2021 was enacted by the Parliament, repealing the earlier Inland Vessels Act, 1917. As per Section 107 of the new Act, the State Government is required to frame and notify rules on various specified matters. In compliance with this provision, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) has prepared the following draft rules:

1. The Manner of Reporting Wreck, Abandonment, Damage, Casualty, Accident, Explosion or Loss, and the Powers of District Magistrate and Procedures for Inquiry into Accidents in Inland Waters Rules, 2025
2. The Detention of Inland Vessels Rules, 2025, formulated under Section 63, sub-section (4) of Section 85, read with clause (z) of sub-section (2) of Section 107 of the Act.

These draft rules have been submitted to the Government for an early notification, considering the urgency of the matter in lieu of a case pending before the Hon. High Court of Kerala in respect of registration and survey of houseboats.

The matter was placed before the 39th Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July, 2025 vide Agenda no 20 for ratification.

The Board after discussion ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in submitting the above draft rules to the Government for early notification.

Shine A. Haq

Signed by
Chief Executive Officer
Shine A. Haq
Member Secretary

Date: 19-07-2025 17:32:12

Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/554/2025-B3(LA)

19-07-2025

Sub : Proposal for establishing Sand Purification Plant at Kasargod

A proposal was received from Marshal Quarries & Marbles Pvt. Ltd., expressing their willingness to establish a sand purification plant in Kasaragod District, specifically in the northern and southern suburbs of the district. The proposal was considered and the proponents were informed that project can be implemented only through a transparent tender process and nomination-based selection is legally not tenable. In the meantime, the Port Conservator, Kasaragod, was directed to submit a feasibility report regarding the establishment of a sand purification plant. The Port Conservator strongly recommended for proceeding with the proposal.

Current Status of Manual Dredging Kadavus in Kasaragod District are as below:-

There are three ports under the jurisdiction of the Kasaragod Port & Shipping Office:

1. Kasaragod Port
2. Manjeshwaram Port
3. Cheruvathur/Neeleswaram Port

Within the limits of these three ports, there are a total of 10 manual dredging points (kadavus), as detailed below:

Kasaragod Port

- Thalangara Kadavu (Kasaragod Municipality)
- Chaliyankod Kadavu (Chemmanad Panchayat)

Manjeshwaram Port

- Manjeshwaram Kadavu (Manjeshwaram Panchayat)
- Mogral Puthur Kadavu (Mogral Puthur Panchayat)
- Shiriya-Arikady Kadavu (Kumbala Panchayat)

Cheruvathur/Neeleswaram Port

- Madakkara Kadavu (Cheruvathur Panchayat)
- Kaithakkad Kadavu (Cheruvathur Panchayat)

- Achamthuruthi Kadavu (Cheruvathur Panchayat)
- Orikkadavu Kadavu (Padanna Panchayat)
- Mattummal Kadavu (Neeleswaram Municipality)

Among these, comparatively higher quality sand is obtained from Mogral Puthur and Shiriya-Arikady kadavus. On average, around 150–200 tons of sand are sold daily from these kadavus.

The average daily sand sales from other kadavus are as follows:

- Madakkara Kadavu – 125 tons
- Kaithakkad Kadavu – 75 tons
- Achamthuruthi Kadavu – 60 tons
- Orikkadavu Kadavu – 75 tons
- Mattummal Kadavu – 40 tons
- Chemnad Kadavu – 30 tons
- Thalangara Kadavu – 40 tons (operates on alternate days)
- Manjeshwaram Kadavu – 15 tons (operates on alternate days)

If quality sand is made available to public, sales will increase leading to increase in revenue for the Board. Under Kasarkode Port, the sand rate is Rs. 1340/- per ton being the Kerala Maritime Board's share Rs. 495/- per ton. Also, this would help in curbing illegal sand transport. Thus it was laerned that establishing a sand purification plant following the model used in Ponnani would be appropriate.

However, since the manual dredging kadavus in Kasaragod district are geographically spread out, it was recommended to establish more than one plant as:

- either (i) 3 plants in 3 Taluks (Hosdurg, Kasaragod, Manjeshwaram)
- or (ii) 2 plants i.e., one in northern and other in southern suburbs of the Kasarkode, instead of a single centralized plant as in Ponnani.

The matter was placed before before the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July 2025 vide Agenda no: 21

The Board discussed the matter and approved the proposal to float an Expression of Interest(EOI) as the first step towards establishing a sand purification plant (or plants) in kasarkode district.

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HOKMB-TVM/8/2024-A9

08-08-2025

BOARD ORDER

Sub: Internal Audit Report for the period 2019-20 to 2023-24

As per Section 84 (2) of Kerala Maritime Board Act 2017, the accounts of the Board shall be audited once in every year and if so, required by the Government concurrently with the compilation of such accounts by an Auditor appointed by the Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Apart from this, there is no separate audit by the C&AG as there is no mandate in the C&AG's DPC Act, 1971 to audit of transactions of the Board. Internal Audit of the transactions of the Board is a prerequisite for good governance and to ensure internal control. Internal audit of the transactions of the Board was not conducted since its inception. Considering the above facts, the Board in its 30th meeting held on 15th January 2024 (Agenda-10) resolved to entrust the Internal Audit work to the Institute of Public Auditors of India (IPAI), an organization of the retired officers of the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (for which C&AG is the patron).

Accordingly, IPAI have been requested to quote their fees for conducting the Internal Audit of KMB, Head Office and the units under it including two Institutes. The IPAI has conducted study of volume of transactions at KMB Head Office and audit of Port Office at Vizhinjam by utilizing 17 party days for which they have claimed consultation fees of Rs. 116,900/- (at the rates fixed by IPAI) and daily allowance of Rs. 20,000/-. Based on the preliminary audit, IPAI submitted a proposal for conducting internal audit of Head office and all units (including two Institutes) of Kerala Maritime Board for five years from 2019- 20 to 2023-24 simultaneously for total audit fee of Rs.12.50 lakh + applicable taxes. In addition to the fees daily allowance @ Rs. 450 per person and Room Rent @ Rs. 700 per day per person (whenever they are staying outstation for audit) also has to be paid. This fee is in addition to the fees of Rs. 116,900/- and daily allowance of Rs. 20,000/- claimed for preliminary study. The proposal has been placed before the Board in its 33rd meeting held on 3rd May 2024 (Agenda No.14), and the Board approved the

proposal to appoint the IPAI as Internal Auditors to conduct internal audit for five years 2019-20 to 2023-24 for the quoted audit fees of Rs.12.50 lakh + applicable taxes and reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses.

The internal audit of head office and all units of KMB have been completed by the Institute of Public Auditors of India and submitted their unit-wise separate reports on completion of each audit. Corrective action on the reports has been taken by obtaining replies from the individual offices and conducting meeting with the concerned officers. Now the internal Auditors submitted the consolidated internal audit report for five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The report along with action taken on the report is submitted for kind information of the Board.

As against Rs 1,16,000 approved by the Board, an amount of Rs 1,14,344/- has been paid as audit fees for carrying pilot audit at Vizhinjam and Head Office and Rs. 20,000/- has been paid toward out of pocket expenses. As against fees of Rs 12,50,000/- approved by the Board for Internal Audit of Head office and all other offices under KMB (including two Institutes) an amount of Rs 12,38,351/- (including an amount of Rs 34,333/- for which bill submitted but yet to be paid) has been incurred. Further, Rs.5,77,000/- has been paid towards reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses (excluding Rs.20,000/- paid for preliminary study). Payment of fees and out of pocket expenses also brought before the board for information. The 39th meeting of the Board of Directors held on 2nd July considered the matter and after discussion unanimously:

- 1. Resolved to take note on the action taken on the internal audit report submitted by the IPAI.**
- 2. Resolved to take note of the Payment of Fees and out of pocket expenses to IPAI.**

Chief Executive Officer

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 23 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board)

No: HOKMB-TVM/563/2025-D1 (Tech)

Date: 04-08-2025

Subject: Construction of two cruise vessels for Establishing Coastal Cruise in connecting non-major ports of Kerala & other maritime states- reg.

Kerala offers enormous potential for cruise shipping by connecting the non-major ports of Kerala with those of neighboring states. However, large cruise ships require a draft of around 10 to 12 meters and therefore cannot be berthed at the non-major ports. These ships usually call at Kochi Port, and the Vizhinjam International Port also has plans to include a dedicated cruise berth in its upcoming phases. Hence, the scope for cruise operations from non-major ports is currently limited to medium-sized cruise ships.

The Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) has already initiated steps to engage private operators/companies to handle medium-sized cruise shipping services by connecting the non-major ports of Kerala. An Expression of Interest (EoI) was advertised in leading newspapers such as Deshabhimani, The Hindu, Business Line, and Times of India inviting private parties to initiate cruise operations utilizing the port facilities under KMB. However, the response was lukewarm. This matter was discussed in the 34th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting under Decision No. 17 and subsequently ratified (Board Order No. HOKMB-TVM/3391/2022-B3 (e-govce), dated 17/07/2024).

The Government of India is also actively promoting cruise tourism, and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has issued a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the promotion of cruise tourism in India.

In alignment with KMB's strategic vision and the IWAI's initiative (Draft MoU dated 24/10/2024), it has been decided to initiate cruise shipping operations connecting the non- major ports of Kerala. This initiative will focus on constructing cruise vessels and collaborating with other maritime boards such as those in Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Maharashtra to enhance coastal connectivity. The proposal has already received coverage in several news reports.

The cruise shipping project will be implemented in three phases:

Phase I:

Initiating service from one of the non-major ports, either from the northern or southern region of Kerala, similar to the Nefertiti vessel operated by M/s KSINC.

Phase II:

Connecting non-major ports owned by KMB with Cochin Port and Vizhinjam Adani Port.

Phase III:

Connecting Kerala ports with other maritime states.

As a first step toward the construction of two cruise vessels, it was decided to constitute a committee to conduct a preliminary technical and commercial study, including the preparation of a detailed PRICE estimate, to place a comprehensive proposal before the Board for obtaining the necessary approval to initiate the tendering process.

Accordingly, a committee was constituted vide proceedings No. HOKMB-TVM/563/2025- D1 (Tech), dated 19/06/2025, with the following members:

Sl. No.	Details of Officer	Remarks
1.	Captain Aswini Prathap K Deputy Director of Ports Head Office, KMB, Thiruvananthapuram ddports.kmb@gmail.com/ 9847610034	Chairman
2.	Sri. Jeevanand. M Mechanical Marine Engineer, Head Office, KMB, Thiruvananthapuram mmedop.port@kerala.gov.in /9946298960	Convener
3.	Sri. Jismon Jaicob Port Officer, Alappuzha Region poalappuzha.port@kerala.gov.in/ 9446865248	Member
4.	Sri. Pradeesh Nair Principal, KMI, Kodungallur & Neendakara kmikodungallur@gmail.com/ 9446301737	Member
5.	Sri. Jofin Lukose KIV/IV Surveyor & Naval Architect, Alappuzha Region kmbiv2022northerndivision@gmail.com/ 9778091726	Member
6.	Sri. Vighnes K.M, KIV/IV Surveyor & Naval Architect Port Office, Alappuzh	Member

The Committee will:

- I. Conduct the technical and commercial study, including preparation of a detailed PRICE estimate, for placing the proposal before the Board to obtain necessary approval for the construction of two cruise vessels.
- II. Prepare technical specifications and an estimate based on the following general design inputs:
 - **Number of Decks:** Minimum three
 - **Capacity:** Maximum 300 persons
 - **Accommodation:** Bunker-type for 100 persons
 - **Suitability:** Suitable for night cruising
 - **Facilities:**
 - a. Two auditorium-type halls
 - b. Kids' sports activity areas
 - c. Dedicated spaces for a restaurant, gaming zone, DJ/refreshment zone, and beverage facilities
 - **Draft:** Suitable for berthing at the wharfs of non-major ports under KMB.

The committee conducted its first meeting on 20/06/2025 and took the following decisions:

The Committee Chairman instructed the members to consider vessels of the RSPV-3/MS Class type, capable of operating in both river and sea, with specifications similar to the Nefertiti vessel operated by M/s KSINC.

The Port Officer, Alappuzha, has been entrusted with collecting necessary data from relevant shipbuilding agencies such as Cochin Shipyard.

The Naval Architects in the committee are to submit the required drawings and an initial estimate for the construction of the proposed cruise vessel.

The Mechanical Marine Engineer shall prepare the PRICE-based estimate using the data collected.

The detailed PRICE estimate and proposal are to be placed before the Board to obtain necessary approval.

The above matter has placed on 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the Reconstituted Board) as decision no. 23 for necessary decision.

The Board discussed the proposal to construct two cruise vessels aimed at establishing coastal cruise connectivity between non-major ports of Kerala and those of other maritime states. It was noted that large cruise vessels cannot berth at non-major ports due to draft limitations, and medium-sized cruise vessels are more feasible for such routes.

Although an earlier Expression of Interest (EoI) issued for private participation received limited response, the Government of India is actively promoting cruise tourism, and the IWAI has circulated a draft MoU in this regard. Aligning with these initiatives, KMB has proposed a phased project to launch cruise services, beginning with operations within Kerala and gradually expanding to connect ports of neighboring states.

As a first step, a Technical Committee was constituted as per proceedings No. HOKMBTVM/563/2025-D1 (Tech), dated 19/06/2025, to conduct a technical and commercial feasibility study, including a PRICE-based estimate and vessel specifications. The committee held its first meeting on 20/06/2025 and has initiated preliminary data collection and design work.

After examining all the factors relating to this subject,

- 1. The Board ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in initiating the proposal and constituting the committee.**
- 2. The Board also granted approval to proceed further with the preparation of the detailed estimate in PRICE software and the project proposal for placing before the Board in the next phase for final approval and tendering.**

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 24 of 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of Reconstituted Board)

No: HOKMB-TVM/685/2024-D1 (Tech)

Date: 04-08-2025

Subject: Leasing out of Cutter Suction Dredger CSD Chandragiri owned by KMB to HED reg.

As per Decision No. 19 of the 38th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting and Board Order No. HOKMB-TVM/1158/2024-D1 (Tech) dated 09-05-2025, the actions taken by the CEO for sparing the dredger to the Harbour Engineering Department for dredging at Muthalapozhi Fishing Harbour for a period of two months under the specified conditions were ratified, and the current E-tender (E-Tender ID 2025_KMB_729892_1 dated 24/01/2025) process to lease out the Cutter Suction Dredger CSD Chandragiri, owned by KMB at Azhikkal Port on a Request for Proposal (RFP) mode, was cancelled.

Considering the above scenario, the Special Secretary, Department of Ports, Government of Kerala, directed that the CSD Chandragiri at Azhikkal Port be handed over to the Harbour Engineering Department on 05/05/2025.

Considering the exigency of the situation, the Cutter Suction Dredger Chandragiri was already handed over to the Harbour Engineering Department on 19/04/2025, along with the pipelines and other related equipment of the dredger available at Azhikkal Port, for the above dredging work, as per the instruction from the Government.

In the above circumstances, the following matters are submitted before the Board for decision:

1. The E tender ID 2025_KMB_729892_1 dated 24/01/2025 to lease out the Cutter Suction Dredger CSD Chandragiri owned by KMB on Request for Proposal (RFP) Mode were cancelled and orders are issued (Proceedings of CEO No.: HOKMB-TVM/685/2024-D1 (Tech) Dated 23/06/2025) to release the EMD amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- each paid by the bidders who were participated (M/s Sea Dogs Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, M/s Square Constructions, Aluva, M/s TBAS Constructions, Aluva).

Also, as per Order No. HOKMB-TVM/942/2023-D1 (Tech) dated 29/04/2025, some of the KMB staffs were authorized to conduct daily inspections of the dredger, assess maintenance, and monitor dredging operations.

2. The Port Officer (I/c), Azhikkal, has informed that the Marine Hull Insurance policy of CSD Chandragiri is expiring on 03/05/2025 and has submitted an estimate from M/s National Insurance Co. Ltd., Mumbai, for its renewal.

The insurance details are given below:

- Policy Amount: ₹2,32,500/-
- Hull & Machinery Coverage: ₹10,99,35,117/-
- Employee Compensation: ₹14,40,000/- (₹3,60,000 x 4 employees)

Due to the exigency of the deployment of the Cutter Suction Dredger to Muthalapozhi Fishing Harbour, renewal of the insurance policy was essential. Accordingly, an amount of ₹2,32,500/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred only) was sanctioned to meet the above expense from the General Fund of KMB (A/c No. 38884941020), on the condition that the policy amount can be recouped from HED or the Government as soon as funds are sanctioned under the plan title upon Government approval.

Also, on 03/05/2025 and 20/05/2025, the CEO, KMB, instructed HED to submit the draft agreement and the renewal and validation of the certificates required for the dredger. However, HED has not yet submitted the leasing agreement for the deployment of the Cutter Suction Dredger to Muthalapozhi Fishing Harbour.

3. Before handing over the dredger to HED, the Assistant Engineer (Marine) and the Assistant Executive Engineer (Mechanical), Beypore, conducted an inspection from 02/04/2025 to 03/04/2025 to assess the performance of the dredger, as it had not been used for the past eight years. The inspection report was submitted on 09/04/2025. According to the report, around 30 major repair works needed to be carried out before commencing the dredging operations at Muthalapozhi Fishing Harbour.

Hence, the CEO instructed the Chief Engineer, HED, to complete the repair works under the leadership of the Harbour Engineering Department. Accordingly, on 13/05/2025, HED confirmed that the repair works were being carried out through authorized agencies such as M/s Royal IHC, Navi Mumbai; M/s GMMCO CAT, Chennai; and M/s Southern Dredging Company Pvt. Ltd., Kochi.

The representative from M/s Southern Dredging Company Pvt. Ltd., Kochi, has informed that several portions of the bottom part of the dredger have been damaged due to rough weather. Therefore, it needs to be repaired through dry docking, and bottom surface painting must also be completed before undocking.

4. On 06/05/2025, HED submitted a request to the Government to reconsider the decision regarding the rent charged by KMB for the dredger. Due to the importance of the emergency dredging operations at Muthalapozhi, and after undertaking the repair works and covering all operational costs, the rent is creating an additional financial burden on HED.

The above matter has placed on 39th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (1st meeting of the reconstituted board) as decision no.24 for the necessary decision. The Board noted the cancellation of the E-tender (ID: 2025_KMB_729892_1) and appreciated KMB's timely action in sparing the dredger *Chandragiri* to HED for emergency dredging at Muthalapozhi. The Board also noted the repair works undertaken by HED through authorized agencies and the delay in submitting the lease agreement despite multiple reminders. While members appreciated KMB's support to the Government during the crisis, they expressed their apprehension regarding the request to waive the lease rent of ₹6,00,000/-.

After examining all the factors relating to this subject,

1. ***The Board resolved to ratify the action taken by the CEO for the renewal of the dredger's insurance for ₹2,32,500/- from KMB's General Fund.***
2. ***Resolved to direct HED to either submit the agreement immediately or return the dredger.***
3. ***The Board decided that the request for waiver of the lease rent need not be considered positively and resolved to demand payment from HED.***

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HOKMB-TVM/1771/2024-B1 (Esmt)

15-07-2025

Board Order

Sub:- Application for Enhancement of contract salary of Law Officer
Read:-Minutes of the 39th Board Meeting(Agenda No.25)

The application submitted by Smt. Sonet S.A, Law Officer for enhancement of contract salary was placed as an agenda before the 39th Board meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The Board considered the request from Smt. Sonet S. A., Law Officer, for revision of her contract salary. Though the post required an LLB with 5 years' experience, the pay was fixed at Category IX (Legal Assistant scale). Given her qualifications, two years of satisfactory service, increased workload, and absence of support staff, the Board acknowledged that the pay was not commensurate with her duties.

After discussion,

The Board resolved to enhance the contract pay of the Law Officer to ₹41,310 per month, in accordance with the decision taken in the 39th Board Meeting and as per the revised provisions of Government Order GO(P) No. 54/2025/Fin dated 19.04.2025

Chief Executive Officer cum Member Secretary

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/685/2025-C6

Date:16-07-2025

Sub: Appointment of an Officer to oversee the coastal security related matters of non-major ports under Kerala Maritime Board

Coastal security remains a critical concern in the present scenario, especially considering the vulnerabilities along Kerala's coastline. While the security of non-major ports is only one component of the broader coastal security framework, it demands focused attention.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and the State Government regularly convene meetings to address various aspects of coastal security. During these discussions, the security of non-major ports is consistently included in the agenda.

All of Kerala's functional non-major ports—Vizhinjam-Kovalam, Kollam, Beypore, and Azhikkal—are ISPS compliant, and the NSPC certification process is currently underway. The Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB) conducts frequent inspections of these ports and submits reports highlighting security shortfalls, which are taken up for corrective measures.

A significant portion of coastal security is managed by the Fisheries Department and Coastal Police, particularly as fishing harbours are also identified as vulnerable points.

Key state-level platforms discussing and addressing coastal security include the State Level Coastal Security Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, and the Joint Coastal Security Review Meeting (twice in an year), co-chaired by the Southern Naval Commander and the Chief Secretary (annually). These meetings are attended by all relevant stakeholders, including SIB, Indian Coast Guard, Customs, Fisheries Department, Coastal Police, Cochin Port Trust, VISL, among others.

In the most recent Joint Coastal Security Review Meeting held on 19th June-2025, the vulnerability of Kerala's coast and the need for enhanced security measures were discussed in depth. The proposal for appointing a Security Coordinator to streamline the activities of all stakeholder agencies was also taken up. The Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) expressed its inability to undertake this coordination role due to a shortage of experienced personnel, a view that was endorsed by the meeting.

It was suggested that the appointment of a suitably ranked officer to coordinate efforts at the field level would greatly benefit overall coastal security. Considering that KMB has been given sanction to recruit necessary staff to manage its affairs through CMD till the organogram is approved, the meeting proposed that a retired officer

from the Indian Navy or Coast Guard, with relevant experience in coastal security, may be recruited by KMB. This officer would be based at the KMB office and act as a nodal point for coordinating among all stakeholder agencies, while also advising on security enhancement measures for both non-major ports and the Kerala coastline.

While the formal minutes of the meeting are yet to be issued, the matter is now placed before the Board for consideration and decision, given that a Board meeting is being convened.

Since the officer's salary will be drawn from KMB's general fund, it is proposed that he may also be entrusted with other duties relevant to KMB operations, in addition to responsibilities pertaining to coastal security

The matter was placed before the 39th Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration and the Board approved the following,

- Engagement of a retired officer from the Indian Navy or Indian Coast Guard as Coastal Security Coordinator for a period of one year.
- The appointment will be reviewed annually based on the performance and progress of security coordination, as observed in state-level security review meetings.
- In addition to coastal security coordination, the officer may be entrusted with other responsibilities as deemed appropriate by the CEO.
- Recruitment shall be initiated only after receipt of the formal minutes of the last Joint Coastal Security Review Meeting.
- To avoid additional expenditure involved in recruitment through CMD, the Board decided that KMB may directly undertake the recruitment by constituting an internal committee of subject experts.
- The contract pay for the post is fixed at ₹90,000/- per month, along with eligible allowances as applicable to Class I officers.
- Approach the Government for financial assistance through budgetary support to meet the expenditure relating to coastal security.

Chief Executive Officer/ Member Secretary

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1655/2024-A8(Audit)

19-07-2025

Fixed Deposit of Kerala Maritime Society having matured value of Rs: 1,45,00,000 has been matured on 19.06.2025 and the amount has been credited to SBI 67094056671 of KMS. Four banks (Indian Overseas Bank, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda and State Bank of India) were requested to offer their rates for depositing the matured value of Fixed Deposit. However, the rate offered by banks were lower than the prevailing interest rate for Fixed Deposit in Treasury. Accordingly, treasury has been contacted to open Fixed Deposit in the name of Kerala Maritime Society. But treasury informed that Fixed Deposits can be accepted only from those who have TSB Account in Treasury.

It was also informed that the Special Treasury TSB Account No: 701021400000002 in the name of Kerala Maritime Society has been freezed by the Government as it was opened for the purpose of construction of Maritime Institutes and the balance of Rs. 1.6 crore available in that account has been redeemed by Government. Hence, in order to open Fixed Deposit Account in the name of Kerala Maritime Society, it is required to open a new TSB Account which will take much time as Government sanction is required for the same.

Keeping amount in SB Account will result in the loss of interest. Kerala Maritime Society has been vested with Kerala Maritime Board by Government and as and when deficiency in fund arises for KMS the same has been met from KMB fund. Hence, it is prudent to transfer the amount to Kerala Maritime Board and open Fixed Deposit in the name of Kerala Maritime Board and when Kerala Maritime Society requires funds, it can be returned to them.

The Board considered the proposal and decided as follows:

The Board approved the proposal to transfer the matured amount of ₹1,45,00,000/- from Kerala Maritime Society to Kerala Maritime Board, and to invest the same in Treasury Fixed Deposit in the name of Kerala Maritime Board.

The Board also decided that the amount may be retransferred to KMS as and when required.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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HOKMB-TVM/1381/2024-B1 (Esmt)

21-07-2025

Board Order

Sub:- 50% Ratio promotion to Senior Port Conservator from Port Conservator cadre

Read:- Minutes of meeting of the 39 th Board (Agenda No.28)

The application submitted by the five employees in the Port Conservator category for enhancing promotional scopes was placed as an agenda before the 39 th Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The Chairperson explained the background of the issue, referring to the change in Special Rules which impacted promotion prospects of Port Conservators. He highlighted the earlier Board resolution and the Government's decision. He stated that there is an issue in the earlier proposal from Board and decision of the Government in the matter.

As per the existing order Junior Superintendents are getting promotion as Senior Superintend/PA to Port Officer Purser which is the first gazetted post whereas Port conservators are getting promotion as Senior Port Conservator which is the second gazetted post. However, the promotion prospects of PCs are very bleak, since the sanctioned strength of Senior Port Conservator is only two.

So, the Chairperson intimated the Board that disregarding the current proposal as per the agenda, the Board may consider upgrading one-third posts of the total strength of PCs and Senior PCs i.e., 5 into a higher grade which shall be equal in scale of pay and status to that of Senior Superintendent/PA to Port Officer/ Purser. Thus, there will be eight posts of PCs, five posts of PCs with higher grade in gazetted rank and two posts of Senior PCs. The feeder category for promotion to Senior PCs shall be Port Conservator higher grade. He also added that by doing this, there will not be much financial burden on KMB other than the payment of a cadre pay, since most of the Port Conservators have already received grade promotion.

The Board after detailed discussion,

1.Resolved to approve the proposal of upgradation of five posts of Port Conservators into higher grade with scale of pay and status equivalent to SS/PA to Port Officer/Purser.

2. Resolved further to submit the proposal to Government for revision of the existing orders issued for the promotion of JS and Port Conservators.

Chief Executive officer cum Member secretary

Signed by

Shine A Haq

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/283/2024-C3 (Devp)

19-07-2025

Sub : Increasing labour charge to manual dredging labourers working in manual dredging kadavus

A petition submitted by the Neeleswaram Azhimukham Manual Dredging Workers' Samrakshana Samithi, requesting an increase in the labour charge of manual dredging workers within the Kasaragod port limits, was received through the Honourable Minister of Ports' office. Similar requests from Kadavu labourers were received during the Nava Kerala Sadassu too.

The petition was scrutinised and it was noted that no wage revision has been granted to these labourers in the past seven years. An online meeting was held on 27/6/2025 with the participation of Port Officers, Senior Port Conservators and Port Conservators in charge of manual dredging kadavus to discuss the issue .

During the meeting, it was observed that the last wage revision was implemented in 2018, fixing the labour charge at Rs. 665 per ton. After discussion it was proposed to increase the charge by Rs. 35, raising it from Rs.665/- to Rs.700/- per ton at Kasargod, Beypore, Vadakara and Kodungallur ports with corresponding increase in the selling price of sand. No revision was recommended for Ponnani port, where wages were revised in 2023 and mechanised transport is used. Also it was decided that labour charges for Azhikkal will be fixed post evaluation of dredged material transport, once its operation begins and the sand price would also be adjusted proportionally, as detailed below:

Name of Port	Present		Proposed	
	Labour charge(Per Ton)(Rs)	Sand Rate (Per Ton)(Rs)	Labour charge(Per Ton)(Rs)	Sand Rate (Per Ton)(Rs)
Kasaragod	665/-	1340	700/-	1375/-
Vadakara	665/-	1200	700/-	1235/-
Beypore	665/-	1390	700/-	1425/-
Kodungallur	665/-	1160	700/-	1195/-

The matter was placed before before the 39th Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July 2025 vide Agenda no: 30.

The Board discussed the matter resolved :

- 1. To approve the proposal to increase the labour charge by Rs.35 per ton, raising it to Rs.700/- per ton at Kasarkode, Beypore, Vadakara and Kodungallur with a corresponding increase in the price of sand.**
- 2. That no revision is to be made for Ponnani port at this stage.**
- 3. That the labour charge for Azhikkal will be decided after evaluating the operationl transport arrangements.**
- 4. To recommend the proposal to the Government for issuing formal orders for effecting the revision.**

Shine A. Haq
Chief Executive Officer cum
Signed by Member Secretary
Shine A Haq
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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/700/2025-C1 (Devp)

07-08-2025

Till date, 13 Expression of Interests (EOI) and 4 Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been floated from which 60+ proposals were received. Successfully on boarded private partners for two projects that includes (a) Leasing out Beach Front Building and Premises adjacent to Alappuzha Port Office and (b) Development of Beach Side Property with Old Signal Station on North Beach Road.

The status of the 4 RFPs released are as provided below;

Sl.No.	Project	Status
1	Leasing out Beach Front Building and Premises adjacent to Alappuzha Port Office	Successfully identified the private partner and signed the agreement.
2	Development of Beach Side Property with Old Signal Station on North Beach Road	Successfully identified the private partner and signed the agreement.
3	Development of Beachfront Leisure and Recreational Point at North Beach, Kozhikode	Successfully identified the private partners. Awaiting approval for signing the agreement.
4	Development of Kerala Maritime Education and Edutainment Hub, Neendakara, Kollam	Released the RFP on 12-06-2025. Last date of submission is 28-07-2025. Also submitted the same to Government for ratification.

For the month of July 2025, three RFPs are expected to be released which includes the following;

Sl.No.	Project	Status
1.	Development of Marine Park, Ponnani, Malappuram, Kerala	Prepared the RFP and Concession Agreement.
2.	Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam	Prepared the RFP and Concession Agreement.
3.	Development of Maritime Enclave at Port Bungalow, Kozhikode.	Prepared the RFP and Concession Agreement.

The same was put up for discussion of the 39th Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 2nd July, 2025.

The Board after discussion has decoded the following:

- The Board has approved the Tender documents for initiating the tender process for the three above mentioned projects and also resolved to forward the same to Government for obtaining approval.**
- Resolved to incorporate the remarks issued by the Government as Corrigendum/ Addendum to the RFP.**

**Member Secretary
Chief Executive Officer**

Signed by
Shine A Haq
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