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No : HOKMB-TVM/1308/2025-C5 **Date : 03-03-2026**

Board Order

Sub : Kerala Maritime Board- Granting of permission for Beach Dining at Kovalam Beach – Regarding.

Neelakanda Restaurant and Crow Nest Café, which have been operating near Kovalam Beach, have requested permission to conduct Beach dining by placing tables and chairs in the beach area in front of their establishments from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
At present, in the Kovalam beach area, licenses for umbrellas, cots, etc., are being issued during daytime in accordance with Government Order G.O.(MS) No. 60/12/F&PD dated 30.07.2012 . A maximum of 20 square meters of space (3 umbrellas and 6 Cots) is provided for this and the revised rate for Rs. 6000+GST per year. The Purser, Vizhinjam, has reported that there are no obstructions to permitting the proposed beach dining activity.

Since beach dining is a commercial activity and the proposal is expected to promote tourism and enhance revenue to the Board, it was proposed to fix a higher license fee of ₹25,000 plus GST per annum for an area of 20 sq.m. The licensee shall be fully responsible for the removal and proper disposal of all waste generated, failing which the license will be liable for cancellation.

The matter was discussed as agenda item no 5 in the 43rd Board Meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February 2026

The Board, after discussion, has resolved that:-

Grant permission to Neelakanda Restaurant and Crow Nest Café for beach dining at Kovalam Beach by allotting an area of 20 sq.m at an annual license fee of ₹25,000 plus GST, subject to the condition that the licensee shall ensure proper waste management and comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements, failing which the license shall be cancelled.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1188/2023-C3 (Devp)

Sub : Financial bid opening of three PPP Projects

As part of the RFPs invited for the PPP model development of various projects under KMB, vide this office proceedings order No. HOKMB-TVM/985/2025-C1(Devp) Dated 30-09-2025 a permanent tender evaluation committee for all PPP Projects under Kerala Maritime Board was constituted with the approval of Government. The Tender Committee is comprised of the CEO- Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd as Chairperson, Joint Secretary- Ports Department, Additional Secretary- Tourism Department, Chief Engineer- Kerala Sports Foundation as external members and CEO, CFA, FO, MME as internal members from KMB. Accordingly, the meeting of the Technical Committee was convened on 27th January 2025 at KMB Head Office to evaluate three projects.

Based on detailed deliberations and discussions, the Tender Committee has recommended that the financial bids of the following three projects shall be opened without any further clarifications, as there were sufficient bidders who have successfully met the required technical criteria.

1. Retender for the Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala
2. Retender for the Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala
3. Retender for the Development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala

The Tender Committee's assessment of the three projects is summarized in the following points.

1. Development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of Lakefront Leisure and Entertainment Hub was formally issued on 11th July 2025. Wide publicity was ensured for the RFP through newspaper dailies, social media channels, KMB Website and email campaigns. To facilitate bidder participation and ensure clarity on project requirements, a pre-bid conference was convened on 11th August 2025, which was attended by 4 firms. Despite significant interest shown during the pre-bid phase, no tenders were received by the submission deadline for the project. Based on industry feedback and incorporating the suggestions received during the pre-bid meeting, a re-tender was published on 6th October 2025. As of the final due date of submission on 11th November 2025, only one bid was received from M/s Floatels India Pvt. Ltd, which was found to be non-responsive. A second re-tender was published on 22nd December 2025. A pre-bid meeting was held on 30th December 2025 which was attended by M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt Ltd and M/s Lapic Structures & Projects Pvt Ltd. As on the bid due date on 9th January 2026, two bidders submitted the tender which are:

1. M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt Ltd (Consortium)
    a. Floatels Engineering Pvt Ltd [Lead Member]
    b. Floatels India Pvt Ltd
    c. Ekotel Hospitalities & Resorts Pvt Ltd
2. M/s E2P World (FZC) (Consortium)
    a. E2P World FZC [Lead Member]
    b. E2P World Technical Services LLP
    c. Bordier Infrastructure and Maritime Services Pvt Ltd

The technical bid was duly opened on 12th January 2026 as per the established procedures. An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 16th January 2026 by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, certain shortfalls and deficiencies were identified in the bid submissions. To maintain fairness and transparency, the bidders were formally requested to provide the necessary shortfall documents.

Following receipt of the shortfall documents, a detailed note was prepared and shared with the Tender Committee. The Committee, chaired by Shri. Sreekumar K Nair, CEO, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL), convened on 27th January 2026 to carry out a detailed evaluation of the bid. On detailed evaluation the Committee found that only the firm M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium) is qualified. The Committee noted that in view of this being a second retender with only one qualified bidder, the Committee recommended opening the financial bid of M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium). Accordingly, the financial bid was opened on 30th January 2026, and the quoted revenue share percentage was 3%.

As per clause 3.4.3 of the RFP, **M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium) is the Highest Bidder.**

2 . Retender for the Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub was issued on 25th September 2025. Wide publicity was provided for the RFP through leading newspaper dailies, social media channels, KMB Website and email campaigns. To facilitate bidder participation and ensure clarity on project requirements, a pre-bid conference was convened on 14th October 2025, which was attended by 2 firms. Despite significant interest shown during the pre-bid phase, only one tender was received by the submission deadline for the project. Based on industry feedback and incorporating the suggestions received during the pre-bid meeting, a re-tender was published on 22-12-2025. Four firms, namely, M/s Lee Builders, M/s Lapic Structures & Projects Pvt Ltd, M/s Travancore Precision and M/s Tritonex Marine Solutions, attended the pre-bid meeting which was convened on 31-12-2025. As of the final due date of submission on 9th January 2026, total two bids were received including

1. M/s Lee Builders Private Limited
2. M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt Ltd (Consortium)
    a. M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt Ltd (26%) [Lead Member]
    b. Mr. Binoy Dinesh (60%)
    c. Mr. Arun Kumar Hari (14%)

The technical bid was duly opened on 12th January 2026 as per the established procedures. An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 19th January 2026 by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, certain shortfalls and deficiencies were identified in the bid submissions. To maintain fairness and transparency, the bidders were formally requested to provide the necessary shortfall documents.

Following receipt of the shortfall documents, a detailed note was prepared and shared with the Tender Committee. The Committee, chaired by Shri. Sreekumar K Nair, CEO, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL), convened on 27th January 2026 to carry out a detailed evaluation of the bid. On detailed evaluation the Committee noted that only one bidder, M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium), achieved a Technical Score above 50. Since the project was re-tendered, the committee has recommended opening the financial bid of bidder who has Technical Score above 50. Accordingly, the financial bid was opened on 29th January 2026 and quoted revenue share percentage was 1.45%.

The license fee as per clause 2.11 of the RFP document has been fixed at INR 23 Lakhs with an increment of 5% every annually. The minimum guaranteed revenue share amount for the first 5 years is 0.5% of project revenues or INR 1.5 Crore. For 6th and 7th Year, the revenue share must be 0.75% of project revenues or INR 1.5 Crore. From 8 th year onwards the Concessionaire shall pay to the authority, either INR 1.5 Crores or 1.45% (as quoted by them) of all project revenue, whichever is higher.

As per clause 3.4.3 of the RFP, **M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (Consortium) is the Highest Bidder.**

3. Development of 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode, Kerala

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was formally issued on 20th August 2025.The 40th Board Meeting held on 13th August 2025 had approved the RFP and draft Concession Agreement.Wide publicity was ensured for the RFP through leading newspaper dailies. Advertisements were also provided in social media channels, KMB Website and email campaigns were also done. To facilitate bidder participation and ensure clarity on project requirements, a pre-bid conference was convened on 17th September 2025, which was attended by 12 firms.

The tender submission timeline was extended two times in response to requests from prospective bidders, ensuring wider participation and robust competition. As of the final due date of submission on 3rd November 2025, a total of seven bids were received. The tender was duly opened on 5th November 2025. An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 25th November 2025 by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, certain shortfalls and deficiencies were identified in the bid submissions. To maintain fairness and transparency, all bidders were formally requested to provide the necessary shortfall documents within 7 days from 4th December 2025.

Upon evaluation of the received bids and shortfalls documents by the Tender Committee on 15th December 2025, it was noted that the total number of eligible bidders were less than 3. Therefore, the committee recommended that the project should be re-tendered to ensure wider participation. Accordingly, a retender was published on 22nd December 2025 and a pre-bid meeting was held on 30th December 2025, and four firms attended it. On the due date for submission on 9th January 2026, a total of 6 bids were received:

1. M/s Aroma Ayur Heritage
2. M/s HiLite Holdings Pvt Ltd
3. M/s Polso Product Pvt Ltd

4. M/s Faizal Traders Pvt Ltd
5. M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium of 4 members)
6. M/s Space Engineering Consultants (Consortium of 3 members)

The tender was duly opened on 12th January 2026. An initial scrutiny of the submitted documents was undertaken on 19th January 2026 by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts. During this review, certain shortfalls and deficiencies were identified in the bid submissions. To maintain fairness and transparency, all bidders were formally requested to provide the necessary shortfall documents on or before 22th January 2026. The shortfall documents received were duly evaluated by the officials of KMB chaired by the Controller of Finance and Accounts on 23th January 2026. Following receipt of the shortfall documents, a detailed note was prepared and shared with the Tender Committee. The Committee, chaired by Shri. Sreekumar K Nair, CEO, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd (VISL), convened on 27th January 2026 to carry out a detailed evaluation of the bid. On detailed evaluation the Technical Score of two bidders were found to be more than the required 50. Accordingly, the financial bids of the following bidders were recommended to be opened by the committee:

- M/s HiLite Holdings Pvt Ltd (Single Entity)
- M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium of 4 members – M/s Talenmark Developers LLP [lead member with 34%], M/s Fezinn Projects LLP [29%], M/s Middle East Travels & Tourism [27%] and M/s Talenmark Builders LLP [10%])

Subsequently, the financial bids were opened on 30th January 2026 and quoted revenue share percentages are as listed below:

- M/s HiLite Holdings Pvt Ltd: 15%
- M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium): 43%

M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium) has quoted the highest revenue share percentage (43%) and hence the firm has been identified as the Successful Bidder.

The License Fee as per clause 2.11 of the RFP document has been fixed at INR 2 Lakhs with an increment of 5% annually. The minimum guaranteed revenue share amount is INR 1.5 Crores per annum as per the RFP document. As part of the annual Revenue Share, the Concessionaire shall pay to the authority, either INR 1.5 Crores or 43% (as quoted by them) of all project revenue, whichever is higher.

As per clause 3.4.3 of the RFP, **M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium) is the Highest Bidder.**

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board resolved that :</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify :**

a. **the opening of the financial bid and selection of M/s Floatels Engineering Pvt Ltd (Consortium),Thiruvananthapuram as the Highest Bidder for the Lake front Leisure and Entertainment Hub, Asramam, Kollam project, based on a quoted revenue share of 3% and submission of the same to Government for approval..**

b. **Resolved to ratify the opening of the financial bid and selection of M/s Travancore Precision Components Pvt Ltd (Consortium), Hyderabad as the Highest Bidder for the Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Ponnani project, based on a quoted revenue share of 1.45% and submission of the same to Government for approval.**

c. **Resolved to ratify the opening of the financial bids for the 2.5 acres of prime land at South Beach, Kozhikode project and selection of M/s Talenmark Developers LLP (Consortium), Kozhikode as the Highest Bidder based on a quoted revenue share of 43%, and submission of the same to Government for approval.**

2. **Resolved further to record the observation made by the CEO, VISL regarding the adoption of monetary value-based evaluation in financial bids and the selection of the highest bidder based on the maximum present value of future revenue cash flows over the concession period and to consider incorporating the same while structuring the financial bid criteria for future PPP projects, wherever the future projects proposed at the site and the corresponding cash flows can be reasonably ascertained.**
3. **Resolved further to extend applicable benefits as per MSME Act to bidders who are registered under MSME Act**

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Chief Executive Officer

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/985/2025-C1 (Devp) 03-03-2026

Sub : Payment of honorarium to Chairperson and External Members of Tender Evaluation Committee for PPP Projects

Board is taking earnest efforts to develop its idling assets on PPP model. As a part of the finalisation of tender process of these projects, a tender evaluation committee has been constituted with the following officers as member for the detailed scrutiny and evaluation of technical and financial bids received through the E-tender portal.

The members comprise of three internal officers of Kerala Maritime Board and four external members from Government Departments and allied agencies .

The Tender Evaluation Committee, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer, Vizhinjam International Seaport Ltd, convened meetings on 27.10.2025, 15.12.2025, 18.12.2025 and 27.01.2026 at the Head Office of Kerala Maritime Board, Thiruvananthapuram for evaluating the bids received for 8 PPP projects.

Since the Committee included members from outside Kerala Maritime Board, payment of honorarium was considered necessary in order to compensate them for their professional contribution and time.

The following rates were suggested and approved for the payment of honorarium to the Tender Committee Members:

Sl No.	Name of the external member	Honararium for Half day	Honararium for Full day
1.	Chair person of the Tender Evaluation Committee	5,000/-	10,000/-
2.	Other external members of the Tender Evaluation Committee	3,500/-	7,000/-

Based on the above, honorarium has been released to the Chairperson and external members who participated in the meetings held on 27.10.2025, 15.12.2025, 18.12.2025 and 27.01.2026 for evaluating the bids received for 8 PPP projects.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

<u>After deliberations, the Board</u>

1. **Resolved to approve the payment of honorarium to the Chairperson and external members of the Tender Evaluation Committee at the rates mentioned above and to ratify the action of the Chief Executive Officer in releasing the honorarium for the meetings already conducted.**

Member Secretary & Chief Executive Officer

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HOKMB-TVM/1724/2024-E1 **03-03-2026**

Sub: Extension of Shri Ayyappankutty A.M, Exam Coordinator for Implementation of Inland Vessel Rules

Two Maritime Institutes under the Kerala Maritime Society, located at Neendakara and Kodungallur, were lying idle for several years. Action has now been initiated to develop these institutes into centres of excellence in maritime education. Training courses connected with the operation of mechanised inland vessels under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021 have already commenced in these institutes. The process of developing the Neendakara Institute as an internationally reputed maritime institute with private participation is also in progress.

The Centre for Management and Development (CMD) was requested to recruit two Exam Coordinators for these institutes to manage examination-related activities. CMD prepared a select list of candidates through a transparent recruitment process. As per Notification No. CMD/KMB/002/2024 dated 24.07.2024 issued by the Centre for Management and Development, Thiruvananthapuram, Shri Ayyappankutty K. M., Kollamparambil House, Ezhupunna South P.O., Cherthala, Alappuzha 688537, was provisionally appointed as Inland Vessel (IV) Exam Coordinator on a contract basis for a period of one year on a consolidated pay of 36,000/- per month in the Kerala Maritime Board.

During his tenure, he has efficiently managed various activities related to the conduct of examinations at the Port Office, Alappuzha and Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur, which include:

1. Assisting the Chief Examiner in conducting KIV examinations at Alappuzha Port.
2. Completing data entry activities related to Lascar, Serang, and Driver Licences issued from Alappuzha Port as part of digitalisation activities.
3. Assisting the Chief Examiner in conducting examinations at the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur.
4. Monitoring licence-related activities (issue, renewal, and maintenance of back files) at the A3 Section of Alappuzha Port.
5. Taking classes at the Kerala Maritime Institutes at Neendakara and Kodungallur.
6. Coordinating with the Training Coordinator of the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur, for the smooth conduct of classes.

The contract period of Shri Ayyappankutty K. M. will expire on 01.04.2026. Accordingly, he has submitted a request for the extension of his contract period. Board is about to start the training courses for the Special Category (Canal Cruise Vessels) along with the existing IV courses. His service is essential for the activities in connection with the conduct of IV courses.

The above matter has placed as Agenda No.8 before the 43 rd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After detailed discussion, the Board resolved to approve the extension

of the contract period of Shri Ayyappankutty K. M. for a further period of one year from 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027, on the existing terms and conditions.

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BOARD ORDER

No : HOKMB-TVM/899/2025-E2 **Date : 05-03-2026**

Sub : Proposal for empanelment of vessel design and consultancy surveyors directly under Kerala Maritime Board

The vessel design and approval was earlier carried out through external consultancies under Kerala Maritime Board (KMB), the recruitment required a more controlled mechanism in view of safety concerns noticed after the Tanur boat accident. Accordingly, KMB strengthened internal scrutiny by engaging Naval Architect–qualified professionals and constituted a committee to review the existing system in line with the Inland Vessels Act, 2021. The Board was informed that a committee has been constituted by CEO to give recommendations for empanelment of Naval Architects for preparation of design and drawings of new boats to be constructed. The board was further informed that the committee has submitted its report with clear criteria for empanelling Naval Architects and a detailed proposal was submitted to the Board for approval.

The Board noted the agenda.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1027/2023-C1 (Devp) 03-03-2026

Sub : Engaging a Project Management Consultancy for the Board- extension of the term by one year

M/s Grant Thornton Bharat was selected on 12.02.2024 as the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) firm through a transparent process to provide professional assistance to the Board in implementing various projects, particularly PPP model initiatives for developing the idle assets under its control. Apart from preparing EoIs / RFPs and completing tender processes, the firm has also supported the Board in professionally compiling data for meetings and conclaves, and in preparing content for websites, videos, social media, and related materials.

As per the agreement, the firm was initially engaged for a period of two years, extendable on the same terms and conditions. The two-year term is due to end on 12.02.2026. The performance of the PMC during this period was reviewed in detail by the Chairperson, CEO, CFA, and DDP, and it was assessed that the firm has carried out commendable work in transforming the Board into a more professionally driven entity. Several important activities remain to be undertaken, particularly in relation to PPP model projects.

A brief summary of the activities carried out by the firm is given below for quick reference, and detailed statements are attached:

- Total number of EoIs floated: 14
- Total number of RFPs floated: 14
- Total number of tender processes completed: 12
- Number of meetings/conclaves/conferences supported: 25
- Projects finalised and submitted to Government for approval: 8

In the meeting chaired by the Chairperson to assess the functioning of the PMC, future projects that could be completed within one year were discussed in detail. It was observed that several additional projects could also be taken up under the PPP model if the present momentum is maintained. Details of these projects are enclosed as Annexure III.

In addition to the above, the preparation of EoIs, RFPs, and tender formalities for the PPP model development of non-major ports under KMB will also have to be undertaken during the proposed extension period. Further, the process for selecting Independent Engineers for the already finalised PPP projects has to be completed through due process.

The meeting also examined the total cost incurred so far towards PMC services and the probable revenue expected to be generated by KMB from the projects undertaken. The analysis sheet is attached as Annexure II

After detailed evaluation of all these aspects, the Committee concluded that the performance of the PMC has been satisfactory and commendable. The PMC was accordingly instructed to submit details of manpower requirements for undertaking the proposed works during the next one-year period. The firm has submitted the same, and the Committee examined the proposal and found the requirements to be reasonable.

Considering all these aspects, the Committee decided to recommend to the Board the extension of the firm's term based on the revised manpower requirement submitted.

In the meantime, the firm had submitted a request to the CEO seeking issuance of a work order for extending the term by one year, stating that if the term lapses, they would have to undergo a cumbersome internal approval process at their end. They requested that the agreement could be executed later. This matter was examined, and the CEO issued proceedings extending the term of the firm for one more year based on the manpower requirement submitted by the firm. The formal agreement in this regard will be executed after the decision of the Board.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

The Board after discussion has decoded the following:

1. **Resolved to approve the extension of the term of M/s Grant Thornton Bharat as Project Management Unit for a further period of one year with effect from 13.02.2026, based on the revised manpower requirements submitted by the firm as per the existing terms and conditions (clause 4 of the agreement)**
2. **Resolved to ratify the action of the Chief Executive Officer in extending the term of the firm by one year, based on the proposal submitted by the firm and the decision taken in the meeting chaired by the Chairperson, subject to execution of a formal agreement.**

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/1595/2024-E1 **03-03-2026**

Sub: Permission to withdraw application for approval of DG-approved courses and refund of application fee remitted

Through the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) was constituted for the administration, control, and management of non-major ports in the State. Along with the assets and liabilities of the erstwhile Port Department, the assets and liabilities of the Kerala Maritime Society registered for managing two maritime institutes at Kodungalloor and Neendakara, as well as those of the Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation Limited and the Ports Directorate, were transferred to the Kerala Maritime Board. The assets and liabilities of the Ports Directorate were transferred to the Board on 02.05.2019 and 06.07.2019 respectively.

At present, two Maritime Institutes are functioning at Kodungalloor and Neendakara under the Kerala Maritime Board and the Kerala Maritime Education Society. The land and assets of both institutes are owned by the Kerala Maritime Board. The State Government has declared that these institutes shall be developed as centres of excellence in maritime education.

The matter relating to the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungalloor was placed as Agenda No. 12 before the 37th meeting of the Kerala Maritime Board. The Board noted that the Institute is under the Kerala Maritime Board and that the land occupied by the Institute, measuring approximately 2 acres, is owned by the Board. It was further resolved to clearly earmark two classrooms (Classroom No. 2 and Classroom No. 4 on the first floor) exclusively for conducting DG Shipping approved Basic Safety Training (BST) courses, with the condition that these classrooms shall not be used for any other courses. Accordingly, an amount of ₹3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) was remitted through e-payment to the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping and Waterways, towards the application fee for obtaining In-Principle approval for starting DG Shipping-approved courses at the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungalloor.

During a visit to the Institute in 2023 for discussions regarding the conduct of Inland Vessel courses, the Chairperson noticed serious cracks and other structural deficiencies in the building, raising concerns about the quality of construction and overall structural safety. Consequently, a committee was constituted as per proceedings dated 20.03.2024 to inspect the civil works of the Institute. The committee conducted an inspection on 06.04.2024 and recommended that a detailed structural stability assessment be carried out through a competent technical institution.

Based on Agenda No. 14 of the 34th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting held on 27.06.2024, the Chief Executive Officer was authorised to entrust non-destructive structural testing of the buildings to Government Engineering College, Thrissur, or NIT Calicut. The matter was also placed before the reconstituted Governing Body of the Kerala Maritime Society on 02.07.2024.

Accordingly, the Kerala Maritime Board approached Government Engineering College, Thrissur, and NIT Calicut for assessment of the structural stability of the buildings. NIT Calicut conducted an inspection on 05.03.2025 and submitted its Structural Stability Report. The report categorically stated that the hostel block is structurally unsafe, that strengthening is not economically viable (estimated at nearly 60% of the project cost), and that demolition followed by reconstruction is inevitable. The report also pointed out the absence of the required Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for the existing buildings.

A meeting chaired by the Chairperson was held on 07.01.2026 with officials from the Harbour Engineering Department, NIT Calicut, and Nirmithi Kendra. Officials from M/s KITCO did not turn up for the meeting despite written intimation. Based on the deliberations and the recommendations of NIT Calicut, it was decided to demolish the existing hostel block, retain the Kodungallur campus exclusively for Inland Vessel courses, and construct a new hostel-cum-academic-cum-administrative block with modern facilities after obtaining Government approval. It was also decided to entrust the Harbour Engineering Department with the execution of the project after obtaining Board approval.

In view of the above circumstances, and considering the serious structural safety concerns, absence of CRZ clearance, and the decisions taken by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer has requested Government approval vide letter dated 17.01.2026, seeking approval for demolition of the existing hostel block and urgent construction of a new building for conducting Inland Vessel courses.

Similarly, it is very difficult to go ahead with the procedure for commencement of DG approved courses due to non-availability of sufficient space for classrooms and other facilities and the practical difficulty of having own swimming pool and fire mock systems. So, the application submitted for DG approved courses has to be withdrawn, and a request has to be made for the refund of the fees remitted for the same. Accordingly, the Chairperson has sent a DO letter to the Director General seeking permission to withdraw the application and for the refund of the application fee remitted, i.e., 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only), paid to DG Shipping. So, the matter was placed before the Board for ratification of the action taken by the CEO and the Chairperson.

The above matter has placed as Agenda No.11 before the 43 rd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After examining all the factors relating to the issue, board :

1. ***Resolved to ratify the action taken by CEO requesting government for approving the proposal for demolition of the Hostel block.***
2. ***Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairperson requesting Director General, Shipping for permission to withdraw the application for approval of DG approved courses with a request to refund the application fee.***

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/52/2026-C4 Date: 03-03-2026

Sub: Declaring the port areas that remain unutilized as non- functional Ports – Proposal to be submitted to Government for notification

As per available records, the State has 20 notified port areas declared as ports under the Indian Ports Act, 1908 which is repealed by Indian Port Act 2025. Of these:

- Kochi has been developed as a Major Port;
- Kottayam Port and the Inland Water Container Terminal function as riverine ports; and
- Vizhinjam International Container Terminal has been developed as a PPP model port.

Out of the remaining 17 notified port areas, four have been developed as full-fledged "Other than major ports", while the remaining 13 port areas continue to exist largely as normal beach areas, without port infrastructure or operational activities.

However, as per the records maintained by the Union Ministry and other stakeholder departments/agencies, the State continues to be reflected as having 17 "Other than major ports". The security categorisation of these 13 undeveloped port areas has also been carried out on the assumption that they are operational ports. Despite repeated requests, this categorization has not yet been revised.

During coastal and port security meetings, security agencies consistently insist that security arrangements such as entry–exit control, CCTV surveillance, and deployment of security personnel be provided by the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) for these areas as well, stating that the responsibility for port security vests with the Board. This has resulted in a persistent operational difficulty during coastal security deliberations.

Most of these port areas were notified during the pre- independence period, when cargo movement through minor ports was significant, or were identified as potential locations for port development. In the present scenario, however, there is very limited scope for their development as full-fledged operational ports.

The Indian Ports Act, 2025, under Section 10, stipulates that ports which have remained non-operational for a continuous period of ten years may be notified as non-operational ports. It is understood that, upon such notification, the security categorisation of these areas can also be suitably revised.

At the same time, it is relevant to note that while large stretches of the coastline have been encroached upon over time, the areas notified as ports have remained relatively free from encroachment. These areas possess potential for future development in sectors such as maritime industry, logistics, tourism, and other allied activities. Therefore, it is essential that these areas continue to vest with the Kerala Maritime Board, both to prevent encroachments and to enable structured future development, including the possibility of port development should circumstances so warrant.

In view of the above, it is suggested that the 13 "other than non major port areas" which have not been developed or operated as ports may be declared as non-operational ports, while continuing to remain under the administrative control of the Kerala Maritime Board. The list of such ports is enclosed as an attachment. So, the Ministry of Home Affairs has to be requested to reclassify these 13 "other than major ports", as "non-functional ports" under Category D, as per the classification made by MHA.

In light of the above, the matter is placed as an agenda item before the 43rd Board Meeting, after detailed discussion and deliberation, ***the Board Resolved to request the Government of Kerala to consider the declaration of 13 "other than major ports" (as per the list appended below) as non-operational, as per Section 10(i) of the new Indian Ports Act.***

LIST OF PORTS

1. Alappuzha
2. Kannur
3. Kasaragod
4. Kayamkulam
5. Kodungalloor
6. Kozhikode
7. Manjeswaram
8. Neeleswaram
9. Neendakara
10. Ponnani
11. Thalassery
12. Valiyathura
13. Vatakara

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BOARD ORDER

Sub: Kerala Maritime Board- Additional Charge of Port Officer, Alappuzha– reg

Capt. Jismon Jaicob, Officer-in-charge who was entrusted with the full additional charge of Port Officer, Alappuzha, proceeded on leave for a period of 6 months. Owing to administrative exigencies, Comdt. Sreekumar . G, Port Security Co-Ordinator was put in the full additional charge of Port Officer, Alappuzha, in addition to his existing responsibilities as Port Security Co-Ordinator and IV Enforcement Co- Ordinator vide this Office Order. No. HOKMB-TVM/7/2026-B2 dated 21/01/2026. Further he was also directed to perform the duties of Registrar under the Inland Vessel Act 2021 as per the above Order. As per Notification S.R.O. No. 642/2024 dated 27/04/2024, the Port Officer, Alappuzha shall be the Registrar of Inland Vessels, hence he was given the duties of the Registrar under Inland Vessel Act, 2021 as per the above Order of the Chief Executive Officer.

The action taken by the Chief Executive Officer may be ratified. In the circumstances, the matter is placed before the 43rd Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The matter was placed before **the 43rd Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board(KMB)** held on 18th February, 2026 vide **Agenda no. 13** for ratification.

After deliberation, the Board

Ratified the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in entrusting Comdt. Sreekumar G. (Retd.) with the additional charge of Port Officer, Alappuzha, and Registrar under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021.

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Board Order as per the Decision No. 14 of
43rd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting

No : HOKMB-TVM/976/2023-D4 **Date: 04-03-2026**

Sub: Deployment of the official website of KMB, web-based Application Modules (Dredging Application and Inland Vessel Application) and the official website of KMI in AWS Lightsail until its SDC deployment – Ratification of the action taken so far

The revamped Dredging Application Module developed for Kerala Maritime Board could not be hosted at the State Data Centre (SDC) due to the unavailability of CERT-IN certification. As an alternative, M/s. ULCCS, Kozhikode submitted Proposal No. PR/ULCCS/MIS/2023-24/011 dated 10-07-2023 for procurement and deployment of AWS Amazon LightSail cloud services, and Supply Order No. HOKMB-TVM/976/2023-D4 dated 19/10/2023 was issued accordingly. The firm successfully deployed the service, and the hosting period was extended month-wise up to 02-01-2026 as per Clause 13 of the supply order. The Inland Vessel Application Module was also hosted in the same AWS account with effect from 03-06-2024. Subsequently, the official website of KMB and the official website of KMI were also hosted in the same AWS LightSail account until their deployment at the State Data Centre (SDC).

Government vide GO (Rt) No. 87/2025/F&P dated 01-02-2025 accorded Administrative Sanction for Rs. 13,70,000/- for the deployment of the official website of KMB, web-based Application Modules (Dredging Application and Inland Vessel Application) and the official website of KMI in AWS LightSail until their SDC deployment.

In order to ensure uninterrupted public service and revenue flow, the Dredging and Inland Vessel Application Modules were temporarily hosted on AWS LightSail for the period from 03-11-2023 to 31-12-2024, during which an expenditure of Rs. 12,30,976/- was incurred. Considering the urgency, the amount was sanctioned from the General Fund of KMB to M/s. ULCCS through the action orders of the Chief Executive Officer and subsequently recouped from the Plan Fund vide GO (Rt) No. 87/2025/F&P dated 01-02-2025. Further, for the period from 01-01-2025 to 02-01-2026 (13 months), an amount of Rs. 11,87,316/- was released from the General Fund for continued hosting, pending security audit and final deployment at SDC.

Sl. No.	Period	Source of Fund	Amount (Rs.)	Remarks
1	03-11-2023 to 31-12-2024	General Fund (initially)	12,30,976/-	Sanctioned by CEO for AWS hosting; later recouped from Plan Fund
2	03-11-2023 to 31-12-2024	Plan Fund (GO (Rt) No. 87/2025/F&P)	12,30,976/-	Recouped to General Fund
3	01-01-2025 to 02-01-2026 (13 months)	General Fund	11,87,316/-	Released for continued AWS hosting pending SDC deployment

The total expenditure incurred towards AWS LightSail hosting of the application modules and official websites amounts to Rs. 24,18,292/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Two Only).

In the above circumstances, the subject was placed before the 43rd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026 vide Agenda no: 14.

After detailed deliberation, the Board:

1. **Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in proceeding with the hosting of the application modules and official websites of KMB and KMI on AWS Lightsail by utilising the General Fund of Kerala Maritime Board.**
2. **Resolved further, to approach the Government for issuing Revised Administrative Sanction to regularise and meet the expenditure towards AWS Lightsail hosting from the Plan Fund, considering the essential nature of these systems for uninterrupted public service delivery and revenue generation.**

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/713/2023-A2 (Fin) 03-03-2026

Sub : Revision of rent of the 2nd floor of Mulamoottil Building, Pippinmood, Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram, leased for functioning of the Head Office of Kerala Maritime Board.

The Kerala Maritime Board has been functioning from the rented premises at Mulamoottil Building, Pippinmood, Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram, taken on lease from the owner, Shri Baby John, for accommodating the Head Office of the Board. The 1st floor of the said building has been under occupation by the Board, and the lease period for the same was renewed with effect from 30.09.2025.

At the time of renewal of the lease for the 1st floor, the building owner requested an enhancement of 15% in the monthly rent, stating that no rent revision had been effected during the previous lease period and that the prevailing market rates were considerably higher than the existing rent. The proposal for enhancement of rent of the 1st floor was placed before the 41st Board Meeting held on 22.10.2025, wherein the Board, after due consideration, accorded approval for the 15% enhancement in rent.

The Kerala Maritime Board has also entered into a separate lease agreement dated 04.02.2023 with the same lessor for occupying the 2nd floor of the same building, the lease period of which is due to expire on 03.02.2026. In connection with the renewal of the lease for the 3rd floor, the building owner has again requested a 15% enhancement in rent, citing identical grounds as in the case of the 2nd floor, namely, the absence of rent enhancement in the previous period and the increase in market rental values.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, and considering that the Board has already approved a 15% enhancement in rent for the 1st floor of the same building in its 41st meeting, the matter regarding revision of rent of the 2nd floor of the building is submitted for consideration and appropriate decision of the Board.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to approve the renewal of the lease agreement for the 2nd floor of Mulamoottil Building for a further period of three years with a 15% enhancement in the existing rent, revising the monthly rent from ₹1,20,150/- plus GST to ₹1,38,173/- plus GST.**

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HOKMB-TVM/389/2025-C1 (Devp) 04-03-2026

Sub : Re-tender of 1 PPP project with modifications - Development of Riverside Recreation, and Entertainment Zone, Thalangara, Kasaragod, Kerala

The 9 Acre site holds immense potential for transformation. Currently, the land features adilapidated godown, a boat jetty, and a sand dredging unit. Leveraging these assets, Kerala Maritime Board envisages capturing the immense potential of the project site and turning it into a riverside recreation and entertainment zone through Public Private Partnership (PPP) development.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was published on 02 April 2025 to invite preliminary proposals from interested parties. The EOI submission date was extended two times to ensure wider participation. In response to the EOI, two proposals were received. Subsequently, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on 11 September 2025, followed by a pre-bid meeting on 07 October 2025. Only one tender was received by the submission deadline on 27 October 2025.

Based on inputs received from field-level officials, industry representatives, and during pre-bid meetings, it was decided to re-tender the project with suitable modifications to promote wider participation and enhance competition. Consequently, the estimated project cost was revised from INR 14 crore to INR 10 crore. In response to requests from interested parties during the pre-bid phase, the minimum guaranteed revenue share payable to the authority was also reduced from INR 80 lakh to INR 25 lakh. The Technical Threshold Capacity for the project was lowered from INR 10 Cr to INR 5 Cr, and the minimum eligible project value was reduced from INR 2 Cr to INR 1 Cr. The project was re-tendered, with these changes on the e-Tender website on 16 January 2026. The pre-bid meeting for the same was held on 21 January 2025 which saw the participation from three prospective bidders. The due date for submission of the bids is on 04 February 2026, and the bid will be subsequently opened on 06 February 2026.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

After deliberation, the Board :

1. **Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board, to re-tender the PPP project "Development of Riverside Recreation and Entertainment Zone, Thalangara, Kasaragod, Kerala" with the revised project parameters, in order to ensure wider participation and robust competition.**

2. **Resolved further to approve the re-tender of the project for the second time due to non-receipt of valid bid.**

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HOKMB-TVM/267/2024-C1 (Devp) 04-03-2026

Sub : Land acquisition and related expenses for Vadi–Thankassery Port Road development -release of an amount of ₹18,91,983/- from the General Fund of Kerala Maritime Board

The subject matter relates to the acquisition of land and eviction of encroachments obstructing the Collectorate Road, for facilitating container movement to Kollam Port and for the development of the Vadi–Thankassery Port Road.

As per the provisions of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013, G.O(Rt) No.362/2020/F&PD dated 24.06.2020 was issued for the acquisition of land in Re-survey No.126, Block No.248 of Kollam West Village. As part of this acquisition, action has been taken by the Fisheries Department for the rehabilitation of six affected families.

As per Government Order G.O.(Rt) No.367/2023/F&P dated 12.05.2023, an amount of ₹5,10,032/- towards compensation for a ration shop and a provision store was sanctioned and disbursed, and an amount of ₹3,00,000/- for expenses under the RFCTLARR Act, 2013, including publication of notifications, survey charges, and ancillary charges payable to the Revenue Department was also sanctioned.

However, as the Government Order granting administrative sanction [G.O.(RT) No.362/2020/F&P dated 24.06.2020] did not include the survey number pertaining to the ration shop and provision store, the transfer of the amount could not be completed and subsequently Government has issued a revised order [G.O.(RT) No.977/2023/F&P dated 04.12.2023] including the said survey number.

Out of the fund amounting to ₹8,10,032/- released by Govt, the amount of ₹3,00,000/- was released to the Special Tahsildar, and the balance amount was surrendered. Thereafter, the Special Tahsildar (LA No.1), Kollam, requested an amount of ₹18,91,983/- urgently towards land acquisition, value of structures thereon, cost for 0.34 Are of land, and contingency charges.

The Chief Engineer, Harbour Engineering Department, has reiterated through communication that an amount of ₹18,91,983/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three only), including contingency charges of ₹3,00,000/-, is urgently required as demanded by the Special Tahsildar (LA No.1), Kollam. The matter was also discussed in the monthly review meeting held on 13.08.2025 under the chairmanship of the District Collector, wherein urgent follow-up for release of funds was directed.

During the financial year 2023–24, administrative sanction and funds amounting to ₹8,10,032/- were accorded under the budget head “5051-02-200-81 – Thankassery Port Development”. However, during the financial year 2025–26, no budget provision is available under the said head.

In view of the urgency and the absence of budget provision, the CEO, KMB has accorded Administrative Sanction and fund for an amount of ₹18,91,983/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three only) from the General Fund of Kerala Maritime Board and simultaneously, the possibility of obtaining Administrative Sanction under Plan Fund head “5051-02-200-86 – Port Development” may also be explored.

As the above amount is beyond the delegation of powers of the Chief Executive Officer, the release of ₹18,91,983/- from the General Fund has to be placed before the Board for ratification.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

After deliberation, the Board :

1. **Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in releasing an amount of ₹18,91,983/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety-One Thousand Nine and Eighty-Three only) from the General Fund of Kerala Maritime Board towards land acquisition and related expenses for the Vadi–Thankassery Port Road development, as demanded by the Special Tahsildar (LA No.1), Kollam.**
2. **Resolved further to direct the Port Officer, Kollam to visit the site with a team and after assessment of the situation, action has to be initiated for the eviction of the encroachment.**

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BOARD ORDER

No : HOKMB-TVM/1385/2024-E3 **Date : 05-03-2026**

Sub: Accreditation to the boat building yards- extension of the validity period and fee for the survey of Yards

As per the mandate under Rule 141 of the Kerala Inland Vessels (KIV) Rules, 2015, the Kerala Maritime Board carries out the accreditation of Inland Vessel Building Yards. While the validity period of the accreditation certificate was previously amended from one year to three years, it was observed that certificates continued to be issued in the field for a period of only one year, causing significant inconvenience to yard owners.

Field-level functionaries, including the Registering Authority (RA) and surveyors, reported that there are no operational or technical difficulties in extending the validity to three years in alignment with the amended rules. Furthermore, the existing annual survey/inspection fee of ₹4,886/- plus GST has remained unchanged since 2019, warranting a periodic revision.

The Board, after detailed deliberation on the proposal, has resolved the following:

1. ***The validity period for the accreditation of boat building yards is officially extended to three years.***
2. ***The accreditation fee is hereby revised to ₹14,658/- plus GST. This fee covers the entire three-year validity period of the certificate.***

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HOKMB-TVM/10/2026-E1 **27-02-2026**

Sub: Ratification of extension of contract period and enhancement of salary of Junior Manager (Finance) -Smt. Sibi S. Babu

The Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI) at Kodungallur and Neendakara, under the Kerala Maritime Society (KMS), are conducting various courses such as GP Conversion, Revalidation of Masters and Engine Side, HCR training, etc. The Principal of the Neendakara Institute reported the need for a person with financial expertise to handle matters relating to GST filing, audit procedures, and management of the financial aspects of the new Inland Vessel Training System courses.

Accordingly, a Junior Manager(Finance), Smt. Sibi S. Babu, was appointed on a contract basis for one year from 23/12/2024 to 23/12/2025 with a consolidated monthly pay of 20,000/-. Her role involved essential financial tasks such as systematic bookkeeping, banking operations, preparation of returns, and accounting using Tally software for the Neendakara Institute. This was brought to the notice of the 2nd Reconstituted Governing Body of the Kerala Maritime Society held on 10th March 2025 vide Agenda No. 13.

The contract period of Smt. Sibi S. Babu expired on 23/12/2025. Accordingly, the Principal of the Institute requested an extension of her contract, considering the indispensable nature of her contributions to the Finance Section. The Principal also recommended an increase in her contract pay.

The matter has placed as Agenda No.19 before the 43rd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer as per Proceedings No. HOKMB-TVM/10/2026-E1 dated 16/01/2026. The Board further noted that, considering the essential nature of her services, her contract was extended for a further period of one year from 24/12/2025 to 23/12/2026 subject to ratification.

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

1. ***Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer for Extension of contract period of Smt. Sibi S. Babu for further one year from 24/12/2025 to 23/12/2026.***
2. ***Resolved further to ratify the enhancement of her consolidated monthly remuneration from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 25,000/- per month.***

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HOKMB-TVM/68/2024-C3 (Devp) **07-03-2026**

Board Order

Sub : Fixation of Selling Price of Purified Sand at Azhikkal and Kasarkode Sand Purification Plants

In the 42nd Board Meeting, it was decided to fix the selling price of purified sand to be sold by M/s MMI–KKB (JV) from the Azhikkal Sand Purification Plant at ₹2,044.34 per tonne plus applicable GST (& excluding Royalty), being the rate applicable to the Ponnani Sand Purification Plant. It was also decided to adopt the same rate for the proposed sand purification plant(s) in Kasargode.

Accordingly, a proposal was submitted to the Government on 19.01.2026. In the said proposal, it was mentioned that since the prevailing rate at Ponnani was ₹2,044.34 per tonne, the same may be rounded off to ₹2,044 for convenience.

However, while finalizing the tender documents for the proposed Kasargode plant, it was observed that in the RFP issued for the Azhikkal Plant, the selling price of purified sand had been specified as ₹2,000/- + GST + Royalty, to make it at par with the Ponnani Plant. Further, in the addendum issued pursuant to the pre-bid meeting for clarifications, the same rate of ₹2,000/- + GST + Royalty was reiterated.

In order to avoid any statutory or contractual complications in future, it was decided to adopt the rate as specified in the RFP for the Azhikkal Plant, i.e., ₹2,000/- + GST + Royalty and place the revised proposal to Government.

The matter was placed before before the 43rd Board meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February 2026 vide Agenda no: 20. The Board discussed the matter and resolved to:

Resolved to approve fixing the selling price of purified sand at ₹2,000/- + GST + Royalty for the Azhikkal Sand Purification Plant and decided to adopt the same rate for the proposed sand purification plant(s) at Kasargode and to request Government for approval of the above rates.

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No : HOKMB-TVM/10/2023-B3 (e-govce) **Date : 05-03-2026**

Sub: Survey, Registration, and Licensing of Floating structures (Restaurants, Bridges, and Jetties)

The Department of Tourism has emphasized the importance of innovative projects, such as Floating Restaurants and Floating Bridges, to enhance tourism in the state. Given that these structures are located in water bodies, the Government of Kerala has prioritized ensuring their structural fitness, safety, and stability.Vide G.O.(Ms) No. 08/2024/F&P, the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) was formally entrusted with the authority to conduct surveys and registrations for floating structures that do not fall under the Inland Vessel (IV) Act, 2021.

Following this, the KMB developed draft Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) through a multi-departmental approach, incorporating feedback from the Departments of Tourism, Irrigation, KSEB, LSGD, Inland Navigation, and the Pollution Control Board.

The Board, having examined the proposal and the final draft guidelines in detail, hereby resolves to approve the modified Guidelines and SOPs for the following categories:

Category 1: Survey and Registration of Civil Structures, including Cottages and Restaurants in Inland Waters.
Category 2: Survey and Registration of Floating Jetties, Floating Bridges, and other Floating Objects in Inland Waters.
Category 3: Survey and Registration of Non-Mechanically Propelled Floating Restaurants and Floating Cottages in Inland Waters

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No. HOKMB-TVM/161/2025-C6 Date: 03-03-2026

Sub: Infrastructure Shortfall at Kovalam - Vizhinjam Port

The Ministry of Home Affairs forwarded a report received from the Intelligence Bureau highlighting infrastructure deficiencies at Kovalam–Vizhinjam Port and requested that necessary steps be taken to upgrade the immigration facilities at the port.

The report states that only one room measuring 120 sq. ft. has been provided to the Bureau of Immigration, as against the required area of 1,430 sq. ft., rendering the existing facility inadequate for proper functioning. In addition to the required space, the following provisions have been sought:

1. Furniture and other fittings for the offices to be provided by the Port Operator, along with uninterrupted power supply.
2. Continuous power supply to the server room, and from the server room to the immigration counters and the Officer-in-Charge's office.
3. Allotment of vehicle parking space for immigration officials without any charges.
4. Access to common facilities available at seaports, such as medical and recreational facilities, for BoI personnel.
5. Exemption for BoI from payment of rent, electricity charges, and water charges, as per the directions of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
6. Provision of passive infrastructure components required for network setup at immigration counters, including patch cords, UTP fibre, wall/floor-mounted racks, jack panels, LAN cabling, I/O devices, etc., as part of the physical infrastructure.

However, as there are currently no port or immigration activities taking place at Kovalam–Vizhinjam Port, and the Kerala Maritime Board proposes to develop the port for shipping-related activities under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, it is suggested that the Immigration Department may be requested not to insist on the additional infrastructure requirements at this stage. The requested facilities may instead be provided once port operations become functional.

The matter was placed as an agenda item before the 43rd Board Meeting for deliberation and ***the Board resolved to request the Immigration Department and the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI not to press for the additional infrastructure requirements at this stage, and to inform that the requested facilities will be provided once the port operations become functional, and start generating revenue.***

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Order No:HOKMB-TVM/248/2023-A2 (Fin) **Date: 03-03-2026**

Board Order as per Decision No. 23 of 43rd Kerala Maritime Board meeting

Sub : Renewal of Rental Agreement of Kerala Maritime Board Regional Office Building at Kochi.

The Head Office of Kerala Maritime Board was functioning at Kochi as per Section 3 of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017. Later, as per the Kerala Maritime Board (Amendment) Act,2022, the headquarters of the Board has been shifted to Thiruvananthapuram and keeping a regional office at Kochi. The regional office at Kochi has been accommodated in a rented building owned by Shri. K. Vidhyadharan Thampi,situated at Sivaprasadam building, Diwans road, Kochi-682016, initially for 11 months from 09/06/2022 to 08/05/2023. The monthly rent for the said building was Rs.20000/-per month(excluding GST). The files of Kerala State Maritime Development Corporation Limited, which has been entrusted to KMB as per Government Order dated 06/07/2019,were also kept in Kochi office. Since there are many court cases relating to KSMDCL and the company is proposed to be liquidated, it became essential to keep files pertaining to KSMDCL in Kochi itself. Moreover, the rent payable for the building is nominal compared to the ideal location of the office and it would be difficult to get another office at the present rent.Considering these facts, it was felt to be appropriate to extend the lease period.Accordingly, the lease period was extended three times for 11 months each, from 09/05/2023 to 08/04/2024, from 09/04/2024 to 08/03/2025 and 09/03/2025 to 08/02/2026 at the same monthly rent of Rs.20,000/-.The existing lease agreement has expired on 08.02.2026. For the last four terms, monthly rent paid remained ₹20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) per month with no increment during the tenure. The building owner, Shri.K. Vidhyadharan Thampi, has requested for a 10% enhancement in the existing rent for the renewal of the lease, which seems to be very reasonable considering the locational advantage and our requirement.

The matter was brought before the 43rd meeting of the Board held on 18th February

2026 (Agenda No.23) requesting to approve extension of lease period of Kochi office building for a further period of 11 months at monthly rent of Rs.22,000/- plus applicable taxes and the Board after deliberation:

Resolved to approve the renewal of the rental agreement for the Regional Office building at Kochi for a further period of 11 months with effect from 09.02.2026, at a revised monthly rent of ₹22,000/- plus applicable GST.

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Member Secretary
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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/142/2026-C4 Date: 03-03-2026

Sub: Proposal received from M/s. Oshin Shipping Pvt. Ltd. requesting permission to manage and operate chartered cruise/ Ro-Pax service from Kollam Non Major Port to Colombo (Sri Lanka) and Kochi to Dubai.

M/s. Oshin Shipping Pvt. Ltd. submitted a proposal seeking permission to manage and operate chartered cruise/Ro-Pax services from Kollam Non-Major Port to Colombo (Sri Lanka) and from Kochi to Dubai. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Kollam–Colombo project was also submitted. The company further requested the issuance of a Letter of Permission from KMB for the above projects.

In addition, M/s. Oshin Shipping Pvt. Ltd. sought the following facilities to ensure the successful operation of the project:

- Concession/waiver of port charges for a period of two years from the date of commencement of operations
- Allocation of a dedicated berth for vessel operations
- Support from KMB in obtaining the necessary approvals from all concerned departments/authorities within India as well as in the UAE and Sri Lanka
- Permission for night operations

After detailed discussions on the DPR, in-principle approval for the Kollam–Colombo chartered cruise/Ro-Pax service was accorded, and a Letter of Permission was issued by the Chief Executive Officer subjected to the conditions that;

- The vessel deployed shall comply with all applicable international maritime safety, security, and environmental regulations.

- Operations shall strictly adhere to the existing draught limitations of Kollam Port (approximately 6.5 meters), unless further deepening of the port is undertaken and notified.

- The operator shall obtain all statutory and final clearances from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, and the competent authorities in Sri Lanka prior to commencement of operations.

Additionally, a letter assuring support and guidance for the Kochi–UAE project was also issued.

In above circumstances, the matter was placed before the 43rd Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration and the Board noted the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in issuing the Letter of Permission and extending support for the proposed chartered cruise/Ro-Pax services connecting different destinations.

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Board Order

as per the Decision No. 25 of 43rd Kerala Maritime Board Meetings

No: HOKMB-TVM/298/2023-D1 (Tech) **Date: 04-03-2026**

Subject: Payment due to M/s Liebherr India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, in connection with the rectification works of the engine in the LHM 180 Liebherr Crane at Azhikkal Port.

As per Board Order no. HOKMB-TVM/298/2023-D1(Tech) Dated 17-05-2024 (Decision No. 13 of 33rd Board Meeting), an online meeting was convened by the Chairperson on 14/06/2024 with M/s Liebherr India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai, along with the officials of KMB to discuss the issues relating to the engine failure of LHM 180 Liebherr crane at Azhikkal Port (Minutes attached).

Based on the outcome of the discussion, M/s Liebherr has submitted an offer of ₹ 54,82,709/- (as submitted below) on 09/09/2024 for the rectification issues related to engine failure. They have stated that the work could be done only at their plant in Mumbai, for which the engine of the crane has to be transported to Mumbai.

Sl No.	Options	Description	Actual Repair/Sales Price	Offered Discounted Price	Delivery time (Weeks)	Days	Months
1	Option 1	Diesel Engine repair at LID	₹ 60,79,394	₹ 51,82,709	26	182	6.1
1.1		Engine Parts cost	₹ 52,64,290	₹ 44,23,773	24		
1.2		Installation Parts	₹ 3,51,789	₹ 2,95,621	16		
1.3		External - Supplier Cost	₹ 1,17,715	₹ 1,17,715			
1.4		Service charges	₹ 3,45,600	₹ 3,45,600	2		
2	Installation Cost of Engine at crane		₹ 3,00,000	₹ 3,00,000			
3	Option 1 + Installation Cost of Engine at crane (1+2)			₹ 54,82,709			
Warranty terms for Option 1: 3 months or 600 hours, whichever is earlier							

Accordingly, the Port Officer (I/c), Azhikkal, issued the work order (Letter No. 05/2021 dated 14/11/2024) to the firm for an amount of Rs. 54,82,709/-. Further, KMB has obtained an administrative sanction from the Government for the said work (vide G.O.(Rt) No. 46/2025/F&P dated 25/01/2025).

However, neither the Government nor our work order specified anything about the liability of GST.

As per Invoice No. DIA29000236 dated 15/05/2025, M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, has submitted a bill/tax invoice amounting to Rs. 64,69,596.62/- towards the cost of rectification works of Engine in the LHM 180 Liebherr crane at Azhikkal Port. The invoice includes the Basic Price of Rs. 54,82,709/- plus the applicable GST of 18%, which amounts to Rs. 9,86,887.62/-. Since the original work was silent about the GST liability, KMB took up the matter with M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai.

M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, has stated that they have already paid GST of 18% for the work amounting to Rs. 9,86,887.62/- as the quoted price of Rs. 54,82,709/-. They have also forwarded the documentary proof for the payment of GST. On review of the AMC executed with M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd, it is ascertained that GST is payable on their invoices for any type of work claimed by them (“Appendix C, Clause 2 (Taxes) explicitly states that "Government service charges/ Taxes and Duties (Applicable in India) will be charged extra by LID to the Customer" based on what is applicable during the five-year tenure of the agreement”).

So, M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, is eligible to get a payment of Rs. 64,69,596.62/-. However, the Government has given administrative sanction only for Rs. 54,82,709/-. Getting a revised AS from the Government is time-consuming, and sanctioning of funds for payment to M/s Liebherr India will also be abnormally delayed.

Since the payment is pending, M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai, is not attending any repair works in respect of the cranes supplied by them.

So urgently, payment due to M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, has to be paid from the general fund of KMB and moved to the government for obtaining revised administrative sanction or separate administrative sanction for the GST component alone.

So the matter is placed before the board.

Apart from the engine repair, some other expenses had to be incurred in connection with this. Due to the emergency, those expenses were met from the general fund of KMB.

Details of expenses made from the general fund of KMB are mentioned below:

Sl No.	Description of expense	Amount	Remarks
I.	**The expenses incurred in disassembling and moving the engine of the Liebherr 180 Crane from Azhikkal Port to M/s Liebherr India Pvt Ltd.'s workshop in Mumbai**		
	1. Transportation by Lorry	40,000/-	
	2. Crane Charges	10,000/-	
	3. Unforeseen Expenses	25,000/-	
	Total:	**75,000/-**	
II.	**The unforeseen emergency expenses for the fixation of engine in LHM 180 Liebherr Crane at Azheekal Port**		
	Total:	**50,000/-**	
III.	**The expense of installation & commissioning of repaired engine in LHM 180 Liebherr Crane at Azheekal Port**		
	1. Transportation of repaired engine from Mumbai	76,700/-	
	2. Consumables + Safety & Filter Elements	4,58,799.34/-	
	3. End Covers	12,943.42	
	Total:	**5,35,499/-**	
	Grand Total:	**6,60,499/-**	

The CEO took urgent steps in the above matter, considering the possibility that to ensure the safety of the crane, which costs around 17 crores.

The above matter has placed on 43rd Kerala Maritime Board Meeting as decision no.25 for necessary decision.

The Board noted that pursuant to the decision of the 33rd Board Meeting, rectification works of the engine of the LHM 180 Liebherr Crane at Azhikkal Port were entrusted to Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, at a cost of ₹54,82,709/-, for which Administrative Sanction was obtained from Government.

The Board further noted that the quoted amount was exclusive of GST and that the firm has raised an invoice for ₹64,69,596.62/- inclusive of 18% GST, which has already been remitted by them to the Government. As the original Administrative Sanction did not include the GST component, and considering the urgency to clear pending payments to ensure continued technical support and safety of the crane, the Chief Executive Officer authorised payment from the General Fund of KMB and initiated steps for obtaining revised/separate Administrative Sanction from Government.

The Board also took note of the emergency expenses incurred from the General Fund towards transportation, installation, commissioning, and related works in connection with the engine rectification.

After deliberation, the Board

1. ***Resolved to ratify the payment of ₹64,69,596.62/- (inclusive of GST) to M/s Liebherr India Pvt. Ltd. from the General Fund of Kerala Maritime Board, subject to obtaining revised/separate Administrative Sanction from Government for the GST component.***
2. ***Resolved further to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in connection with the rectification of the engine failure of the LHM 180 Liebherr Crane at Azhikkal Port, including the incurring of emergency related expenses.***

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Board Order

Sub:- Appointment of Night Watchman at Port Office, Alappuzha
Ref:- Minutes of the 43rd Board Meeting(Agenda No.26)

The Alappuzha Port Office, a regional port office of the Kerala Maritime Board, is located on the Alappuzha beach, a major tourist destination that witnesses heavy public movement, especially during evenings, weekends, and peak tourist seasons. The Port Officer has reported frequent disturbances from anti-social elements during night hours, posing a risk to the safety of the office premises, personnel, visitors, and public property.

As per GO(P) No. 1/2026/P&ARD dated 04.01.2026, Government has issued general guidelines for assessing the requirement of engaging Night Watchmen in Government offices. The relevant criteria include:

a) The post of Night Watchman should be restricted to offices where valuables and important documents are kept.

b) Engagement of Night Watchman should be avoided where alternative security arrangements such as CCTV surveillance, police surveillance, etc., can be effectively implemented.

In compliance with the above guidelines, it is noted that CCTV surveillance is already available at the Alappuzha Port Office, and additional security support may be explored through regular patrolling by Beach Police/Tourism Police. However, considering the unique location of the office on the beachfront, continuous public access, and the congregation of people during night hours, CCTV surveillance alone may not be adequate to prevent or respond promptly to untoward incidents.

Further, the Alappuzha Port Office handles registration, survey, and certification of vessels, and maintains official records and documents. Any incident of vandalism, theft, or damage during night hours may result in administrative and legal liability on the Port Officer and the Board. The presence of a Night Watchman would serve as a preventive and deterrent measure, ensuring immediate human intervention in case of emergencies, in addition to electronic surveillance.

It is also pertinent to note that the above Government Order is advisory in nature and allows departments to take a reasoned decision based on ground realities and functional requirements.

In view of the above, the request of the Port Officer is considered genuine and justified, and it is proposed to permit engagement of a Night Watchman through KEXCON, in accordance with the existing Government norms.

The engagement may be allowed as per the existing Maximum Monthly Contract Pay of 19,310/-, as stipulated in GO(P) No. 54/2025/Fin dated 19.04.2025, and any future revisions in contract pay as per Government Orders may also be made applicable.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the 43rd Board Meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The Board noted that the Alappuzha Port Office is located on the beachfront in a major tourist area and faces frequent disturbances during night hours due to heavy public movement and anti-social elements. Although CCTV surveillance is in place and police patrolling is taking place, the Board observed that these measures alone may not be sufficient given the location and nature of activities handled by the office, including custody of official records and documents.

The Board further noted that the Government guidelines on engagement of Night Watchmen are advisory in nature and permit departments to take reasoned decisions based on functional requirements and ground realities. Considering the safety concerns and the potential administrative and legal risks, the proposal to engage a Night Watchman was found justified.

After deliberation, the Board

Resolved to permit the Port Officer to engage a Night Watchman through KEXCON at the existing Maximum Monthly Contract Pay of ₹19,310/- as per prevailing Government Orders, with applicability of future revisions as and when issued by the Government.

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/393/2025-A5 Date: 04-03-2026

Sub: Enhancement of TA Ceiling for the Grade 1 officers stationed at Headquarters

As per Section 14(4) of the Kerala Maritime Board Act and the rules and regulations framed thereunder, the provisions of the Kerala Service Rules, the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, the Kerala Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1960, and the Kerala Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1960 are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the employees of the Kerala Maritime Board appointed under the Act.

As per Government Order (P) No.137/2016/Fin dated 09.09.2016, the quarterly Travelling Allowance (TA) ceiling for Class I officers has been fixed at ₹14,700/-. This ceiling has not been revised in line with the latest pay revision so far. The services of Class I officers stationed at the Headquarters are extensively utilized for statewide duties such as enforcement activities, inspections, and attending official meetings across the State. Owing to the existing TA ceiling, these officers are compelled either to limit official travel, meet the excess expenditure from their personal funds, or repeatedly seek individual exemptions from the Government, even though the expenditure is met from the General Fund of the Board.

It is understood that the TA ceiling prescribed by the Finance Department is not applicable to officers entrusted with State-level duties. In this context, exemptions have already been granted to the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of Ports, based on the decision of the 29th Board Meeting and subsequent Board orders.

However, due to the continued application of the existing TA ceiling within the Board, other Grade I officers at Headquarters are facing significant difficulties in undertaking official journeys. Further, the Port Officers of Kollam, Alappuzha, and Kozhikode are required to attend to duties in ports situated in other districts under their jurisdiction. The present arrangement adversely affects the effective discharge of their State-level responsibilities.

In view of the above, it has become imperative to obtain sanction for exempting the TA ceiling for other Class I officers stationed at Headquarters. Alternatively, it is proposed that the TA ceiling be enhanced to ₹15,000/- per month, subject to a quarterly ceiling of ₹45,000/, to facilitate the efficient performance of official duties.

Further, officers of the Kerala Maritime Board are often required to stay in hotels in places where guest houses or rest houses are not available. Even where rest houses exist, rooms are frequently unavailable as they are allotted to the public through online portals. In addition, officers of the Board are not eligible for concessional official rates in Government guest houses and are required to pay the full rent. Therefore, it is necessary to reimburse room rent for their stay in private hotels.

Such reimbursement may be allowed on production of original hotel bills bearing the GST number of the Board, subject to the following limits:

For Gazetted Officers and officers on contract who have retired as Gazetted Officers:

- ₹3,000/- per day within Corporation limits
- ₹2,500/- per day within Municipality limits
- ₹1,500/- per day within Panchayat limits

For all other employees, including those appointed on contract basis:

- ₹2,000/- per day within Corporation limits
- ₹1,500/- per day within Municipality limits
- ₹1,000/- per day within Panchayat limits

In view of the above the matter was placed before the 43rd Board Meeting held on 18 February 2026 and after detailed discussion and deliberations, ***the Board resolved as follows:***

1. ***Any official travel by Staffs and Officers of KMB shall be undertaken only with prior approval of the competent authority and actual eligible TA and DA can be sanctioned without any limit.***
2. ***In cases where travel is unforeseen and unavoidable, the expenditure incurred may be considered for reimbursement on a case-to-case basis, after obtaining ex post facto sanction.***
3. ***Unnecessary or avoidable official travel shall be strictly discouraged, and all***

officers shall ensure optimal utilization of resources while planning official journeys.

4. ***Resolved further to sanction reimbursement of hotel accommodation charges for officers and employees of the Board, subject to the following ceilings based on the category of employees and the local body limits:***

For Gazetted Officers and officers on contract who have retired as Gazetted Officers:

- ***₹3,000/- per day within Corporation limits***
- ***₹2,500/- per day within Municipality limits***
- ***₹1,500/- per day within Panchayat limits***

For all other employees, including those appointed on contract basis:

- ***₹2,000/- per day within Corporation limits***
- ***₹1,500/- per day within Municipality limits***
- ***₹1,000/- per day within Panchayat limits***

The reimbursement shall be subject to the production of valid bills and applicable rules/orders issued by the Board from time to time.

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Board Order

HOKMB-TVM/642/2025-C1 (Devp) 04-03-2026

Sub : Release of Tender of 1 PPP project - Integrated Development of Coastal Assets at Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala on PPP mode

The proposed site for development is located in Thalassery, Kannur, spanning approx. 140 cents. The site comprises 157m long Sea Pier, Port Office Building, Port Quarters, Old Cargo Shed and Pier Cargo Shed. Leveraging these assets, Kerala Maritime Board envisages capturing the immense potential of the project site through Public Private Partnership (PPP) development.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was published on 19th June 2025 to invite preliminary proposals from interested parties. The EOI submission date was extended once to ensure wider participation. On the due date of submission, no proposals were received. Subsequently, the project was re-conceptualized. The key points to be noted in the RFP document are as follows:

- Development Options: Illustrative areas of potential development are listed below in order of preference.
  - Tourism & Hospitality
  - Recreational Marine Activities
  - Retail, Trade and Commerce
  - Logistics Infrastructure
  - Port led industries.
- Payments to Authority:
  - License Fee: INR 25 Lakhs with 5% increment annually.
  - Revenue Share: INR 75 Lakhs per annum or percentage of gross revenue attributable to the project, whichever is higher.
- Pre-Qualification Criteria:
  - Minimum Eligible Project Value: INR 50 Lakhs
  - Technical Threshold Capacity: INR 2 Crores.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on 16th January2026. The pre-bid meeting was held on 3rd February 2026, and the due date of submission is 3rd March 2026.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

<u>After deliberation the Board:</u>

Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer in releasing the RFP and the draft Concession Agreement for the project "Integrated Development of Coastal Assets at Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala" on PPP mode.

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HOKMB-TVM/300/2024-E1 **03-03-2026**

Sub: Serious structural deficiencies in the buildings of the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur - Demolition of the existing hostel block and urgent construction of a new building for conducting Inland Vessel courses - Ratification of action taken

As part of establishing a Maritime Institute in the State of Kerala, the Kerala Maritime Society was constituted as per G.O. (Rt) No. 72/08/F&PD dated 31.10.2008. Under the Society, two campuses of the Kerala Maritime Institute (KMI) were established at Neendakara and Kodungallur. The infrastructure development of both campuses was carried out with financial assistance from NABARD under the RIDF scheme, wherein 85% of the total sanctioned amount of Rs. 1010 lakh was funded by NABARD.

The construction of the Kerala Maritime Institute campus at Kodungallur was entrusted to M/s KITCO at a contract value of Rs.9.94 crore. The construction was completed on 20.08.2015, and the defect liability period expired on 20.08.2018.

Inland Vessel courses as per the Inland Vessel Rules, 2022 were commenced at the Kodungallur campus on 08.11.2023. Subsequently, serious cracks and other structural deficiencies were noticed in various parts of the buildings, raising concerns regarding the quality of construction and structural safety. Accordingly, a committee was constituted as per proceedings dated 20.03.2024 to inspect the civil works of the Institute.

The committee, after inspection on 06.04.2024, recommended a detailed structural stability assessment through a competent technical institution. Based on Agenda No. 14 of the 34th Kerala Maritime Board Meeting held on 27.06.2024, the Chief Executive Officer was authorised to entrust non-destructive structural testing of the buildings to Government Engineering College. Thrissur or NIT Calicut. The matter was also placed before the 1st meeting of reconstituted Governing Body of the Kerala Maritime Society held on 02.07.2024.

Accordingly, the Kerala Maritime Board approached Government Engineering College, Thrissur and NIT Calicut for assessment of the structural stability of the buildings. NIT Calicut conducted an inspection on 05.03.2025 and submitted a Structural Condition Assessment Report, which revealed serious design and construction deficiencies, including non-compliance with IS Code provisions applicable to severe marine environments, use of M25 grade concrete instead of the specified M30 grade, inadequate concrete cover, concrete spalling, exposure of reinforcement, and overall structural instability, particularly of the hostel block.

NIT Calicut categorically reported that the hostel block is structurally unsafe, that strengthening is not economically viable (estimated at nearly 60% of the project cost), and that demolition followed by reconstruction is inevitable. The report further noted the absence of the required CRZ clearance.

The matter was placed before the 41st Kerala Maritime Board Meeting (Agenda No. 22), wherein the Board unanimously resolved to:

1. Resolved to authorise the CEO to engage a suitable agency for preparing an estimate for the demolition of the existing Hostel Block and construction of a new building and the same shall be placed before the Board for granting Administrative Sanction.

2. Resolved to authorise the CEO to engage suitable agencies for preparation of estimate for strengthening of the academic and administrative blocks and shall be placed before the Board for granting Administrative Sanction.

3. Resolved further to report the Government to order suitable action including blacklisting of M/s KITCO for the poor construction quality of the various blocks and the loss sustained, due to their lapse.

Subsequently, efforts were made to engage various agencies to undertake the strengthening works; however, all agencies expressed their inability to take up the work due to technical constraints and safety concerns highlighted in the NIT report.

A meeting chaired by the Chairperson was held on 07.01.2026 with officials from the Harbour Engineering Department, NIT Calicut, and Nirmithi Kendra. Officials from M/s KITCO did not turn up for the meeting despite written intimation. Based on the deliberations and the recommendations of NIT Calicut, it was decided to demolish the existing hostel block, retain the Kodungallur campus exclusively for Inland Vessel courses, and construct a new hostel-cum-academic-cum-administrative block with modern facilities. It was also decided to entrust the Harbour Engineering Department with execution of the project after obtaining Board approval.

The Board further noted that, as per the decisions of the 41st board meeting and subsequent deliberations shared by the Chairperson, it was decided to demolish the existing hostel block retain the Kodungallur campus exclusively for Inland Vessels courses, and construct a new hostel-cum-academic cum administrative block with modern facilities with Government approval. In view of the urgency and safety concerns, the Chief Executive Officer has already approached the Government seeking approval for demolition of reconstruction.

The above matter has placed as Agenda No.29 before the 43rd Kerala Maritime Board meeting for ratification. After detailed discussion, the Board resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chief Executive Officer initiating steps for demolition of the existing hostel block at the Kerala Maritime Institute, Kodungallur and for seeking Government approval for urgent construction of a new building for conducting Inland Vessel courses.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

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Sub : Development of Land Parcels at Munambam, Kodungalloor –to publish Expression of Interest (EOI) for Maritime Industry and Maritime Tourism in coordination with Muziris Heritage Project

A field visit was conducted at Munambam to assess the feasibility of developing the land available with the Board. During the inspection, it was observed that the total land extent is not available as a single contiguous parcel but consists of three distinct stretches. These include:

i. approximately 5 acres situated away from the Port Office building,
ii. approximately 6 acres located near the Muziris Park area, and
iii. approximately 8–10 acres presently having Kattadi trees.

Since these parcels lie separately and are geographically disconnected, the land cannot be conceived or developed as a single unified project. A segmented and activity-specific development approach is therefore required.

The proposed development of the area was discussed with the Managing Director of the Muziris Heritage Project, which is a prestigious flagship initiative of the Government of Kerala aimed at preserving and promoting the State's rich cultural and maritime heritage. It is understood that the Muziris authorities have substantial expansion plans in the region and are willing to explore a joint venture with the Kerala Maritime Board. They are planning to establish a major landmark installation near the park area, which is expected to become a central attraction of the Muziris Heritage Project. For this purpose, approximately one acre of land may be required.

Munambam holds historical and maritime significance, and the coexistence of maritime industry (such as shipbuilding and allied activities), maritime tourism integrated with the Muziris initiative, and maritime education or training facilities would not only protect and promote the cultural heritage of the area but also generate sustainable economic activity. The area already experiences significant public footfall, particularly during evening hours, and strengthening the maritime heritage and tourism component would considerably enhance its tourism value. The proposed installation by the Muziris authorities would further improve the attractiveness of the region and create a synergistic development model.

In this context, it is proposed that the 5-acre land parcel and a portion of the 6-acre parcel near the Muziris Park be earmarked for Shipbuilding or allied Maritime Industry activities. The remaining land parcel of approximately 8–10 acres, presently with Kattadi trees, may be considered for Maritime Tourism development in accordance with the concept plan prepared by the PMU. To ensure transparency, competitiveness, and wider participation of capable investors, Expression of Interest (EOI) may be floated for the development of

i. Maritime Industry
ii. Maritime Tourism components

In order to optimise advertisement expenditure and streamline the process, both components may be invited through a single consolidated EOI notification, clearly specifying the separate project components and land parcels.

Further, considering the close linkage of the proposed development with the Muziris Heritage Project and the broader tourism vision of the State, it is proposed that a meeting be convened at the Government level with the Tourism Department and the Muziris Heritage authorities to finalise the integrated tourism and heritage development framework for the Munambam area.

The matter is placed before the Board for consideration and approval to publish the EOI for the above components and to authorise the Chairman/CEO to take necessary further steps, including coordination with the Tourism Department and the Muziris Heritage authorities, and to proceed with subsequent actions in accordance with the approved development framework.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to consider and approve the proposal to publish the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the above components**
2. **Resolved further to authorise the Chairman/CEO to take necessary further steps, including coordination with the Tourism Department and the Muziris Heritage Project authorities, and to proceed with all subsequent actions in accordance with the approved development framework**

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Board Order

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Sub : Expression of Interest (EOI) for Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram

As part of KMB's decision to enhance revenue generation, promote maritime-led economic growth and ensure optimal utilization of port lands, the Board has been identifying underutilized land parcels suitable for development under Public Private Partnership (PPP) and other appropriate models.

In this context, KMB is in possession of approximately 5 Acres (201 Ares) of Revenue Purambokku land with beachfront access at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram. The site is strategically located in close proximity to the Vizhinjam International Seaport, Vizhinjam Fishing Harbour, Kovalam–Vizhinjam Non-Major Port, National Highway connectivity and other key infrastructure facilities. Considering the rapid growth of port-led activities in Vizhinjam, the increasing tourism inflow to the region and the substantial commercial potential of the site, it was felt necessary to explore suitable development options through private sector participation in a structured and transparent manner.

Accordingly, a Draft Expression of Interest (EOI) document titled "Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala" was prepared with the objective of assessing market interest from reputed investors, firms and developers for undertaking high-revenue generating projects such as port-led industries, logistics infrastructure, tourism and hospitality ventures or other permissible activities. The EOI was intended only as a preliminary market assessment exercise to obtain conceptual proposals, understand feasible development models such as lease, concession or revenue-sharing frameworks, and to gather suggestions prior to structuring a competitive bidding process.

In order to avoid delay in initiating the development process and to safeguard the valuable asset from further underutilization, the EOI was issued and published on 17.02.2026 in accordance with the provisions of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017 and the prevailing guidelines. The issuance of the EOI does not constitute a tender process, nor does it create any contractual obligation on the part of KMB. A transparent competitive bidding process will be undertaken subsequently, based on the response received and subject to necessary approvals of the Board and Government.

In the above circumstances, the matter is placed before the Board for ratification of the action taken in issuing the Expression of Interest for the Development of 5 Acres of

Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The same was put up for discussion of the 43rd Board Meeting of Kerala Maritime Board held on 18th February, 2026.

<u>After deliberation, the Board :</u>

1. **Resolved to ratify the action taken for floating the Expression of Interest for the Development of 5 Acres of Port Land with Beachfront at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram.**

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Board Order

Sub:- Extension of tenure of contract employees
Ref:- Minutes of the 43rd Board Meeting(Agenda No.32)

As per the provisions of Kerala Maritime Board Act-2017, recruitment against the sanctioned posts in the erstwhile Port Department has been stopped and the existing posts stands abolished when the incumbent employees leaves service on superannuation or by any other methods. Act also stipulates that the Board shall make its own organogram for future functioning and posting shall be made made accordingly. Accordingly the draft organogram is prepared and submitted to government for approval. However the government returned the same for further clarification in some points. Since more additional works are entrusted with the Board afterwards the Board is revisiting the draft and the same will be submitted to government shortly for approval.

But the functioning of the Board requires the bare minimum staff as there are no new recruitment as such against the existing posts. Moreover with the formation of the board the activities have become manyfold especially after entrusting the implementation of the provisions of IV Act also with the Board. Many professional employees are required as the board has to handle a lot of tax related issues as well as to implement projects. As per GO(Ms) No. 01/2023/F&PD dated 11/01/2023, the Government sanctioned seven posts for temporary appointment in KMB. In a meeting convened by the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on 26/12/2022, the Chairman noted that only seven posts were sanctioned out of the requested 20. It was decided to submit a proposal linked to posts transferred from the Port Department, considering vanishing posts due to retirement. Until approval, a manpower consultancy service like CMD would be approached for professionals on a contract basis.

Accordingly new recruitments have been made to various essential posts as contract appointments through CMD and candidates sourced from ICMAI, Trivandrum Chapter. Also appointments made by extending the contract of the employees of the erstwhile KSMDCL and appointing the daily wage employees of the erstwhile port department on contract basis. All the above appointments have been approved by the Board.

Now, the tenure of the contract appointments of the employees expires as noted against their names below. The contract postings are inevitable for the functioning of the Bord. Therefore, it is proposed to extend the contracts of employees whose tenure are expiring up to 31/12/2026 for a further period of two year or till the organogram is got approved whichever is earlier, given their satisfactory performance and experience, strictly in accordance with the rules governing contract appointments especially the conditions stipulated in GO(P) No.54/2025/Fin dtd. 19/04/2025, such as giving a gap of one day after one year, an affidavit should be obtained stating that "no plea for permanent appointment will be raised" and that condition should be incorporated in the agreement and the matter may be intimated to the Government.

In the above circumstances, the matter was placed before the 43rd Board meeting for deliberation and consideration.

The Chairperson informed the Board that, as per the provisions of the Kerala Maritime Board Act, 2017, recruitment against the sanctioned posts of the erstwhile Port Department has been stopped and such posts stand abolished on superannuation or cessation of service of incumbents. The Act also provides for formulation of an independent organogram for the Board. A draft organogram prepared and submitted to Government was returned seeking further clarifications, and in view of additional responsibilities entrusted to the Board, including implementation of the Inland Vessels Act, the draft organogram is being revised and will be resubmitted shortly.

The Board noted that, in the absence of regular recruitment, engagement of contract personnel has become inevitable for the effective functioning of the Kerala Maritime Board, particularly for finance, legal, technical, IT, training and project-related activities. It was further noted that Government had sanctioned seven temporary posts and, pending approval of additional manpower, professionals were engaged on contract basis through CMD, ICMAI and by extending services of employees from the erstwhile KSMDCL and Port Department, with prior approval of the Board.

The Board was informed that the tenure of the following contract employees is due to expire during 2026.

No.	Name	Designation	Joining date	Expiry of Present Tenure
1	Kum.Aswathy SL	Junior Manager(Finance), KMB,Thiruvananthapuram	27-03-2025	26-03-2026
2	Smt.Nisha C P	Stenographer , KMI, Kodungallur	17-07-2006	31-03-2026
3	Shri.Anil Kumar T K	Cook ,CSD Chandragiri	02-04-1997	31-03-2026
4	Shri.Jishnu Surendarn	Deputy Manager(Finance), KMB,Thiruvananthapuram	21-04-2025	20-04-2026
5	Kum.Hima B Nair	Junior Manager(Finance), KMB,Thiruvananthapuram	02-05-2025	01-05-2026

6	Smt.Lincy Fernandez	Private Secretary to Chairperson, KMB,Thiruvananthapuram	31.05.2023	30-05-2026
7	Shri.Baburaj K	Training coordinator , KMI, Kodungllur	05-06-2023	04-06-2026
8	Capt.Aswini Prathap.K	Port Officer,KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	10-06-2024	09-06-2026
9	Shri.Sreethin .P.S	MTS , KMB , Trivandrum	13-06-2023	12-06-2026
10	Smt.Sonet.S.A	Law Officer, KMB , Trivandrum	26-06-2023	25-06-2026
11	Shri. Vishnu.V.P	IT Engineer(Software),KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	27-06-2023	26-06-2026
12	Shri.Sreehari G Panicker	Deputy Manager(Finance), KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	01-08-2024	31-07-2026
13	Kum.Sujasree NK	Junior Manager(Finance), KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	01-08-2024	31-07-2026
14	Smt.Upasana Krishnan	Junior Manager(Finance), KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	05-08-2024	04-08-2026
15	Capt.Hari Achutha Varrier,	Port Officer,Kozhikode	21/06/2024	20-06-2026
16	Shri.Suresh Kumar RS	CFA,KMB,Thiruvananthapuram	09-10-2023	08-10-2026
17	Smt.Resmi.R.P	Civil Engineer , KMB , Thiruvananthapuram	16-10-2023	15-10-2026
18	Kum.Sruthi.S	Electrical Engineer , KMB, Thiruvanathapuram	18-10-2023	17-10-2026
19	Sri.Dileep.S	Driver,Port Office,Alappuzha	18-10-2024	17-10-2026

20	Sri.Ganesan V	Driver,KMB,Thiruvanathapuram	18-10-2024	17-10-2026
21	Shri.Vineeth R	Driver,KMB,Thiruvanathapuram	18-10-2024	17-10-2026
22	Smt.Indukala P	Legal Consultant, KMB, Thiruvananthapuram	04-11-2023	03-11-2026

The Board noted that the errors in the earlier Board orders extending the contract period of staff members under the respective serial numbers 16,17,18, 22 have now been corrected. Considering the operational requirements of the Board, the satisfactory performance and experience of the above personnel, it was proposed to extend their contracts for a further period of two years or till approval of the organogram by Government, whichever is earlier, strictly in accordance with the rules governing contract appointments and the conditions stipulated in GO(P) No. 54/2025/Fin dated 19.04.2025.

After discussion, the Board

Resolved to approve the extension of the contracts of the above-mentioned staffs or officials for a further period of two years or till approval of the organogram by Government, whichever is earlier, strictly in accordance with GO(P) No. 54/2025/Fin dated 19.04.2025, including provision of a one-day break after one year, obtaining an affidavit stating that no plea for permanent appointment will be raised, incorporating the said condition in the agreement, and intimating the matter to Government.

Chief Executive Officer/Member Secretary

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Board Order

No. HOKMB-TVM/130/2026-C4 Date: 03-03-2026

Sub: Proposal from M/s. Middle East Holidays for Luxury Cruise Operation from Beypore Port

M/s. Middle East Holidays Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a comprehensive project proposal to the Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) seeking permission to establish a dedicated Luxury Coastal Cruise operation from Beypore, capitalizing on the tourism potential of Calicut. The project envisions deploying a sea-going, multi-deck catamaran specifically designed for high-capacity dining, corporate gatherings, sunset cruises, and premium leisure experiences.

Project Vision & Strategy

- **The Asset:** A specialized 50-meter aluminum/steel catamaran with a capacity of 250 passengers. With a shallow draft of 2–2.5 meters, the vessel can operate in both coastal waters and the Chaliyar River.
- **"Blue Ocean" Strategy:** Rather than competing in the saturated backwater houseboat segment, the project aims to tap into the relatively unexplored coastal cruise market. The objective is to position Beypore as a "Floating Destination" catering to leisure and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) tourism.
- **Operational Continuity:** To ensure year-round revenue, the vessel will operate as a "River Palace" on the Chaliyar River during the monsoon season (June–August).

Vessel Layout & Revenue Model

The vessel, *Malabar Horizon*, will consist of three key zones:

1. **Banquet Deck (Level 1):** An air-conditioned hall accommodating 100 guests for seated dining and conferences.
2. **Horizon Lounge (Level 2):** A semi-open VIP lounge with bar and dance floor facilities for up to 75 guests.
3. **Sky Deck (Level 3):** An open-air deck designed for sunset viewing and social gatherings, accommodating 150+ guests.

Proposed Daily Itineraries:

- Coastal Lunch Cruise: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (₹2,000–4,000 per person)
- Sunset & Dinner Gala: 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM (₹2,000–4,500 per person)
- Weekend Night Cruise: 9:00 PM – 11:30 PM (₹2,000–4,500 per person)

Economic & Financial Impact

- **Investment:** Fully privately funded, with an estimated capital investment of ₹20–25 crore for vessel construction/acquisition.

- **Revenue Share:** A proposed contribution of 2% of gross revenue to KMB, in addition to applicable port charges.
- **Employment Generation:** Expected direct employment for 15 marine crew members, 20 hospitality staff, and 10 shore support personnel.

Infrastructure Requirements

The proposal requests the following support from KMB:

- Allocation of a dedicated 60–75 meter berth at Beypore with water and power facilities.
- Assurance of maintenance dredging to maintain a channel depth of at least 3.0 meters.
- Single-window clearance for tourism-related licenses (such as FL-11 or FL-3).
- Allocation of land for parking (100+ vehicles) and a passenger embarkation area.

Implementation Timeline

The project is targeted for launch within 12 months of approval:

- Months 1–2: Feasibility studies and berth allocation.
- Months 3–9: Vessel construction and interior fit-out.
- Month 12: Inaugural commercial voyage.

During discussions, KMB welcomed the proposal and assured full support and guidance for initiating operations. However, KMB clarified that we cannot guarantee permanent berthing facilities. Berthing at Beypore Port may be provided for a period of two years, up to August 2027, till the completion of the PPP development tender process for Beypore port. Requests for fee concessions may also be considered, subject to government approval.

In light of the above, the matter is placed as an agenda item before the 43rd Board Meeting for deliberation and after discussion ***the Board Resolved to place on record the proposal submitted by M/s. Middle East Holidays Pvt. Ltd. and to permit provision of facilities, including a dedicated berth at Beypore Port, on a temporary basis for a period up to two years or until the PPP development of Beypore Port is materialized, whichever is earlier, subject to applicable rules, port charges, and Government approvals, as required and to issue a letter to the operator accordingly.***

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