



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Public Works Department - Online System for according Road Cutting Permission/Right of Way Permission - Sanction Accorded - Orders issued.

PUBLIC WORKS (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.59/2020/PWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30/07/2020

- Read: 1. G.O.(P)No.13/2012/PWD dated 01.02.2012.
2. Circular No. CE/R& B I GL-RC/2/2019 dated 30.03.2019 of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads).
3. Letter.No-CE/Admin/IT/General/2020-21 dated 24/07/2020 from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Administration).

ORDER

As per Section 2607 of the revised Kerala PWD Manual read as 1st first paper above, any person or authority or agency intending to construct, place, maintain or carry any cable, wire, pipe, drain, sewer, channel of any kind through, across, along, under, in or over any PWD road shall get permit for the same from the concerned road or highway authority. In PWD, the application for road cutting permission is being received from the agencies like Kerala Water Authority, Kerala State Electricity Board and from the Telecom Operators. Thereafter, the concerned Assistant Engineer in charge of the road to be cut, prepares the estimate for restoration work and after approval of the estimate the concerned AEE or EE informs the applicant to deposit the restoration amount in PWD's deposit head of account. After getting confirmation from the applicant that the required amount for restoration is got deposited in PWD's account, cutting permission is issued by the Assistant Executive Engineer or the Executive Engineer concerned. All these activities are being carried out through manual processing in concerned offices which attracts a lot of complaints regarding delay in getting permissions and thereby ultimately delays the completion of many projects.

2. Now, the Kerala State IT Mission has developed an online portal for the management of road cutting permissions. The objectives of the application are as follows:

- a) Online submission of application for Road Cutting Permission/ Right of Way Permission without the need of approaching any office
- b) Online submission of relevant documents such as road sketch, GIS Map of cutting etc.
- c) To provide permission within a time limit.
- d) To facilitate the users to download the final signed approval certificate online.

This portal is now available in the web address <http://rowservices.kerala.gov.in/>. The users of this online system would be PWD, KWA, KSEB and Telecom Operators.

3. In view of the above, the Chief Engineer (Administration) as per the letter read as 3rd paper above, has requested to issue necessary Govt. Orders for implementation of the Online Road Cutting permission/ Right of Way Permission Portal developed by Kerala State IT Mission in managing the road cutting permission issuance of PWD.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and sanction is accorded hereby to use the online Road Cutting Permission/ Right of Way Permission Portal in PWD with the following guidelines:

A. Procedure for Road Cutting / Right of Way Permission:

- (i) The online system will be operational for Telecom Service Provider / Internet Service Provider / Infrastructure Provider for use from 01.08.2020 and shall not accept any application and documents related to Road Cutting Permission / Right of Way in physical form after 1st August, 2020. Applications and documents submitted online shall be accepted.
- (ii) Any Telecom Service Provider / Internet Service Provider / Infrastructure Provider, whoever requires permission for Road cutting or for Right of Way shall invariably submit their applications online.
- (iii) The Applicant (TSP/IP/ISP/KWA/KSEB) will submit applications for Rights of Way permissions along with necessary documents including the stretch details to the concerned road authority. The route map in GIS format can also be uploaded in the portal.
- (iv) The Road Authority (EE/AEE) shall verify the application after receipt and assigns the application to the concerned AEE or AE for verification and processing, if the application is in order; otherwise the application will be returned to applicant.
- (v) The concerned AE shall prepare the demand note as per the procedure

laid down in the PWD Manual and as per the prevailing rates for road cutting and restoration and submit the same for approval of the competent authority as per the delegation of powers based on the restoration amount required (manual process not through the system). After approval of the demand note, the same shall be uploaded in the online system from the approval office. Thereafter, once the applicant remits the demand note amount in the required head of account, the road cutting permission is to be issued by the competent authority through the system.

(vi) After the utility authority/applicant completes the road cutting and temporary restoration, the same shall be updated in the online system so that the Road Authority gets information about the completion of the work. Thereafter the Road Authority shall take action to restore the road surface as per the guidelines specified in the PWD Manual.

(vii) In cases, where the applicant is to restore the road surface as per the provisions laid down in the cutting permission, after the completion of such works, the applicant shall upload the details in the portal. After getting such information through the portal, the Road authority shall issue NOC through the system.

B. Road Cutting Fees:

The Chief Engineer (Roads) publishes the restoration charges for the road cutting of various types of PWD road surfaces. The prevailing rates as per the Circular read as 2nd paper above are given below.

Sl.No	Type of road or cutting surface	Restoration charges (Rs)/ sq.meter
1	Berm Cutting	359.85
2	Shoulder Cutting	1530.77
3	20mm open graded chipping carpet surface	3090.57
4	20mm close graded chipping carpet surface	3129.12
5	20mm open graded chipping carpet surface (Manual means)	3179.04
6	40mm pre mixed chipping carpet surface	3457.29
7	BM & BC road surface	4069.51
8	Concrete road surface	5473.44
9	100mm thick inter locking Tiled road surface	4196.75
10	80mm thick inter locking tiled road surface	3722.14
11	60mm thick inter locking tiled road surface	3665.91

The above charges are including cost index, centage charges and GST.

C. Timelines:

a) Road cutting permission

- (i) Application Scrutiny – within 3 days after receiving the Application.
- (ii) Physical Verification and Demand Note approval for Payment and intimation to applicant- Within 15 days after receiving the Application.
- (iii) Payment of Fees by Applicant after issue of Demand Note – As specified in the demand note.
- (iv) Road cutting Permission Letter Issued – Within 7 days after payment of Fees and uploading details by the applicant in the portal.
- (v) Completion of road cutting work and temporary restoration - as specified in the permission letter/proceedings.

b) Right of Way permission

- (i) Application Scrutiny – within 3 days after receiving the Application
- (ii) Physical Verification and granting online permission by the concerned authority - Within 15 days after receiving the Application provided all application documents are in order
- (iii) Issue of NOC after the applicant uploads the details of completion of road restoration works - Within 7 days after uploading details by the applicant in the portal.

5. The Chief Engineer (Roads), Chief Engineer (National Highway), CE(KSTP) and CE(Bridges) shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(By order of the Governor)
ANAND SINGH
SECRETARY

All the Chief Engineers, PWD, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, KSEB Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, BSNL, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Managing Director, RICK/RBDCK/KSCC/KSTP, Tvpm.

The Chief Executive officer, KRFB, Thiruvananthapuram.

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