



## ABSTRACT

Highways Department – Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports Department during the Budget Session 2022 – 23 – “Preparation of Detailed Project report for Reducing Traffic Congestion, Providing Parking facilities, Widening and Improving of Ghat section in Kodaikanal” – Administrative Sanction – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

### Highways and Minor Ports (HS1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No:101

Dated.14.06.2022

சுபகிருது, வைகாசி-31, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read :

From the Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance Letter No.7062/Thittam/2022, dated.25.04.2022.

### ORDER:

During the budget session 2022-23, the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports made the following announcement in the floor of the Assembly on 12.04.2022: (Budget Demand No:21)

இணைப்புச் சாலை அமைத்தல்

திண்டுக்கல் மாவட்டம், கொடைக்கானல் மலை பகுதிக்கு வரும் சுற்றுலா பயணிகளின் வசதியை கருத்தில் கொண்டு போக்குவரத்து நெரிசலை குறைக்கவும், தேவையான இடங்களில் வாகன நிறுத்தங்களை அமைக்கவும் ரூ.50 இலட்சம் மதிப்பில் விரிவான திட்ட அறிக்கை தயாரிக்கப்படும்.

2) The Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance has sent the announcement proposal for the work of “Preparation of Detailed Project report for Reducing Traffic Congestion, Providing Parking facilities, Widening and Improving of Ghat section in Kodaikanal”. The details are as follows:-

- (i). Kodaikanal is one of the very popular holiday destination hill resorts in South India. This hill station stands at 6700 foot (2030 m) above sea level and situated in upper Palani Hills of the Western Ghats near Madurai in Tamil Nadu. Kodaikanal is also popularly known as the princess of Hill stations. Indian institute of astrophysics, TV station, University, Radio station and Central sheep farms are situated in this Hill station. There are more than 50 villages and most of the villagers are primarily engaged in agriculture. The population is more than 3 Lakh and floating population is also more than 2 Lakh. Tourists from inland and foreign are visiting Kodaikanal throughout the year.

- (ii). Due to heavy inflow of Tourists throughout the year, Kodaikanal roads are stuck with heavy traffic congestion. It is necessary to improve the Ghat section to facilitate visits of tourists from all over India and abroad and to provide free flow of traffic without any congestion. It is proposed to ensure that they save time and avail facilities of car parking and bus bay etc. By identifying the bottle neck spots, blind curves etc and improving the geometric and removing the black spots it is proposed to avoid accidents.
- (iii). The entire stretch is passing through Ghat section of Western Ghats. The road was initially formed by British Government in the year 1912. The stretch is passing through many sharp curves having very poor geometry and steep valleys. The hillock side all along the route has non-standard side slope and landslides are occurring very frequently. The junction of ODR roads branching from this road are also accident prone. Hence, it is proposed for preparation of DPR to improve the geometry, parking area and junction improvements.

3) The Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance has therefore requested the orders of Government to accord Administrative Sanction for the "Preparation Detailed Project Report for the work of Reducing Traffic Congestion, Providing Parking facilities, Widening and Improving of Ghat section in Kodaikanal" at a cost of Rs.50 Lakh.

4) The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance and accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.50.00 Lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) for "Preparation Detailed Project Report for the work of Reducing Traffic Congestion, Providing Parking facilities, Widening and Improving of Ghat section in Kodaikanal".

5) The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"5054 – Capital Outlay on Roads and Bridges – 80 – General – 004 – Research and Development State's Expenditure – AA – Investigation / Estimation of project work under Roads and Bridges – 416 – Major works-01- Major works".

(IFHRMS DPC:5054-80-004-AA-41601)

6) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.28456/Fin (PW-I)/2022, dated: 10.06.2022.

**(By Order of the Governor)**

**Pradeep Yadav,  
Principal Secretary to Government**

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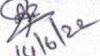
The Chief Engineer (H), Construction and Maintenance, Chennai-25.  
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-08.  
The District Treasury Officer, Dindigul.

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O/o Hon'ble Minister (Public Works – Buildings and Highways and  
Minor Ports), Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Public Works –  
Buildings and Highways and Minor Ports), Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Finance and  
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The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary,  
Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai-9.  
The Personal Assistant to Deputy Secretary to Government(Schemes),  
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The Highways and Minor Ports (HN) Department, Secretariat,  
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The Resident Audit Officer, O/o Principal Accountant General,  
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C.No.7059/HS1/2022  
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4.6.2022  
**Section Officer**  
  
14/6/22