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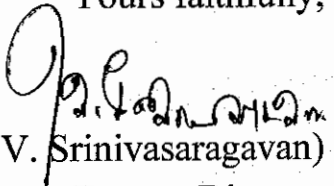
Members of Works Committee
(As per list attached)

Subject: Minutes of the Works Committee meeting held on 18.10.2016

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the discussions held on 18.10.2016 in the Works Committee meeting of Kalakshetra Foundation and to forward herewith a copy of the minutes for your records. Comments if any on the minutes may kindly be furnished at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


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MINUTES OF THE WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18.10.2016

1. A meeting of the Works Committee of the Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 18.10.2016 at 3 PM. The following members were present:

- (i) Smt. Priyadarsini Govind, Director
- (ii) Smt. S. Sowmya, GB Member
- (iii) Shri Lalgudi GJR Krishnan, GB Member
- (iv) Shri V. Srinivasaragavan, Deputy Director
- (v) Smt. Babeeta Narang, Chief Accounts Officer
- (vi) Shri Dharanidharan, Executive Engineer, CPWD

The following were also present:

- (i) Shri Vinayagamoorthy, Assistant Engineer, CPWD
- (ii) Shri V. Srinivasan, Engineer Officer, KF
- (iii) Shri G Kishore Kumar, Estate Manager, KF

2. The minutes of the meeting are as under.

Item No. 1: Progress of ongoing civil works

The Committee reviewed the progress of all ongoing Civil Works. The following have been observed:

- (i) Costume block: While reviewing the progress of work of Costume Block it was inquired from CPWD whether the amount of deposit already made was sufficient. CPWD informed that they would raise additional demand. KF

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requested CPWD to raise the same at the earliest. CAO informed that though Costume Block is already an approved project by GB in the year 2014-15 itself, however, inadvertently the requirement of balance funds for this project has not been reflected in the MoU for the year 2016-17. In view of this, savings from other capital projects is required to be diverted to meet the expenditure. The Works Committee approved and directed to apprise the Finance Committee about the same.

- (ii) Remodelling and Upgradation Works in Visual Arts Department: It was informed that funds have been deposited to CPWD, however, there is no progress on this work. It was informed by CPWD that NDT was conducted and the report was negative. This work will be taken up after successful completion of BASS School which had also the same problem where recasting of roof had to be done on the basis of negative NDT results. BASS School work is being undertaken in two phases out of which first phase is ongoing. KF requested CPWD to submit detailed estimates for the entire work.
- (iii) CPWD has been requested to submit estimates for (i) interior furnishing work cum storage facility for the costume block; and (ii) Fabrication and supply of furniture and working tables for visual arts section, at the earliest.

Item No. 2: Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium – Phase II works

1. The Committee discussed the developments since the last GB Meeting held in August 2016 viz. issue of Memorandum dated 12.9.2016 by Kalakshetra Foundation calling for explanation of five officers identified by the Ministry of Culture who are prima facie responsible for the lapses in execution of work of Phase-I of Koothambalam project; responses received from four officers; Engineer Officer instead of furnishing reply to the Memorandum sent six letters asking for copy of various documents though he is the custodian of all the files relating to the Koothambalam project and he also implicated several others and also raised several queries; non receipt of reply from Shri Karunaker Menon, then DD who is a Railway Officer; reply sent to Southern Railway in response raised by them in connection with the Memorandum.

2. On the basis of approval given by the GB, CPWD has been entrusted with the Civil and Electrical work of Phase-II of the project and an amount of Rs.1.07 crore has already been deposited. However, CPWD has received a complaint against start of

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Phase-II work and on the basis of the complaint it has sought information prior to taking up the work.

3. CPWD raised the issue of formal closure of contracts awarded for Phase-I of the project. The difficulty in settling the issue with the old contractors was discussed in detail.

4. It was felt by the GB Members who are part of the Works Committee that Koothambalam is emotionally connected to Kalakshetra Foundation and they stressed the need for its early completion. Notwithstanding its emotional side, an amount of about Rs.7 crores of public money had already been spent on the project and unless it is completed early, the structure will further deteriorate and it is not in public interest that it remained in this state for long and its completion should be delinked from fixing responsibility for Part-A of the project and fixing of responsibility should be pursued simultaneously.

5. It was inquired if CPWD was indemnified by the Kalakshetra Foundation from any possible legal issues, whether CPWD would be in a position to start the construction. CPWD officers informed that they would consider the matter.

6. GM Members of the Committee desired that an emergency meeting of GB may be called to discuss the complications of issues involved to find a solution to complete the Koothambalam at the earliest.

Item No. 3: Re-roofing work of Rukmini Arangam

1. The Committee was apprised that originally CPWD provided the drawings for the project in April 2016. However, while providing the designs the aesthetic requirements of Kalakshetra Foundation was not kept in view which resulted in the design looking more like a shed. Further, in the initial design process the consultation with users was limited. In view of this, the services of Shri Benny Kuriakose, Architect who in the year 2011 provided drawings for the project was obtained who kindly agreed to provide his services on a Pro-Bono basis. Consultation with user representatives viz. faculty members was also widened and revised designs were made in a series of meetings.

2. The Architect has since furnished drawings, specifications and clarifications furnished have been considered and approved. In the meeting itself, CPWD has been

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requested to prepare structural drawings and submission of detailed estimates at the earliest.

Item No. 4: Additional work in the already ongoing works for approval of Works Committee

(a) Dance cottages for RDCFA (Inside measurement 25 ft x 40 ft) with steel structure / double tile roofing top Mangalore tile) stilt type structure

(i) To provide aluminium sheet in between Mangalore tile and decorative tile in Dance class room. This is has been suggested by the M/s.AMS – Architect during the site inspection and recorded by the CPWD vide Ir. No.23 (13)/CCSD2/V/2016/2719 dated 01.10.2016.	Not considered required
(i) To provide steel balustrades on both sides of ramps in Dance cottage 1 and Dance cottage 2 to facilitate to entry by PwD. This is a mandatory provision for the PwD ability.	As it is a mandatory requirement it has to be done

(b) Costume Block

(i) Projection of Mangalore tile roof in the corridor: At least 2 ft from the column face in the open corridor area	Has already been carried out by CPWD
(ii) FRB / Plastic door arrangements for shower area	GB Members agreed that shower is an essential requirement for artists and in view of this, CPWD has been requested to furnish estimates for the modification alongwith cost involved for approval.
(iii) Curtain wall and cloth washing arrangement in terrace with water supply arrangement	Approved to be carried out
(iv) Change of location of wash basin and introduction of shower point	Approved to be carried out

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Item No. 5 Approval for Electrical works in the ongoing Civil Works.

These are for the ongoing renovation works and hence approved as per the estimates given by CPWD. As this expenditure has not been reflected in MoU for the year 2016-17, savings from other projects will have to be diverted. Approval of Finance Committee will accordingly be sought.

Item No. 6 To consider and approve for further process of work.

Approved to take up the following works forward:

- (i) Storm water drainage, Sewage system, Development of a water body: CPWD may be requested to provide feasibility report along with rough cost estimates.
- (ii) Upgradation of CERC Exhibition Ground and wash room - Permanent exhibition ground is proposed and the construction should be keeping in view the artistic and aesthetic requirement of the Kalakshetra Foundation.
- (iii) Development of Rukmini Illam near Indian Bank - A conservation architect may be engaged to suggest how to develop the building. It has also been agreed that the GB Members who are part of the Works Committee may visit the building at a convenient date and time to give their suggestions.
- (iv) Construction of staff quarters- Different views were expressed whether to have the staff quarters within the campus or to have them outside the main campus. It was agreed that the area near the Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School which is outside the main campus may be considered for staff quarters after assessing the requirement.
- (v) Provision of street lights
- (vi) Upgradation of Car Parking near main gate
- (vii) Clearing of plot opposite to main gate – It was suggested to consider the area for development of Yoga Centre/ rehearsal space
- (viii) Construction of Security room at main gate
- (ix) Purchase of DG Set for BCCH
- (x) Installation of Transformer in Main campus

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