

Annexure-10.46

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND (RIDF) IN KERALA

With the objective of assisting the State Governments in completing ongoing rural infrastructure projects and also to take up new infrastructure projects, RIDF was set up with NABARD in 1995-96 for providing term loans at concessional rates to State Governments with contributions from Commercial Banks by way of deposits against their shortfall in lending to priority sector. The total corpus allocated under RIDF I to XVII stands at Rs.1,54,000 crore. Under RIDF XVIII, during 2012-13, the Normative Allocation to Kerala State is Rs.600 crore out of Rs.15,000 crore and a further Rs.150 crore has been allocated under the special window of Rs.5000 crore for warehousing activities.

I. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Agriculture and related sectors (RIDF loan: 95%)

1. Minor Irrigation Projects/ Micro Irrigation;
2. Soil Conservation;
3. Flood Protection;
4. Watershed Development/ Reclamation of waterlogged areas;
5. Drainage;
6. Forest Development;
7. Market Yard, Godown, Mandi, rural haat, marketing infrastructure;
8. Cold storage, Public/ Joint sector cold storage at various exit points;
9. Seed/ Agriculture/ Horticulture Farms;
10. Plantation and Horticulture;
11. Grading/ certifying mechanisms; testing/ certifying laboratories;
12. Community irrigation wells for the village as a whole;
13. Fishing harbour/ jetties;
14. Riverine Fisheries;
15. Animal Husbandry;
16. Modern Abattoir;
17. Medium Irrigation Projects;
18. Mini Hydel Projects/ Small Hydel Projects (upto 10 MW);
19. Major Irrigation Projects (already sanctioned and under execution);
20. Village Knowledge Centres;
21. Desalination plants in coastal areas;
22. Infrastructure for Information Technology in rural areas;

Social Sectors (RIDF loan: 85%)

23. Drinking Water;
24. Infrastructure for Rural Education Institutions;
25. Public Health Institutions;
26. Construction of toilet blocks in existing schools, specially for girls
27. "Pay & use" toilets in rural areas;
28. Construction of Anganwadi Centres;
29. Setting up of KVIC industrial estates/ centers.

Rural connectivity (RIDF loan: 80%)

30. Rural Roads;

31. Rural Bridges;

II. STATUS OF SANCTIONS UNDER RIDF

NABARD under various tranches of RIDF has sanctioned variety of projects related to drainage & flood protection, medium/minor irrigation, soil conservation, forest development, connectivity through roads and bridges IT parks, marketing infrastructure such as Godown, Market yard and Mandi, Fishing Harbour /Jetties etc. which have a direct impact on the overall economy in rural areas of the State. Out of 31 eligible activities, GoK has availed RIDF assistance in respect of 24 activities. The details of RIDF projects sanctioned to the State of Kerala under tranche I to XVII as on 17 July 2012 are given in the following table.

(Rs in crore)

Sr. No.	Purpose	No of projects	Balance cost	RIDF Loan	Disbursement	Gap
1	Agriculture Farm	9	6.29	5.98	1.42	4.55
2	Anganwady	174	10.50	8.93	1.88	7.05
3	Animal Husbandry	8	144.66	81.76	29.82	51.94
4	Boat Jetty	4	0.32	0.27	0.02	0.25
5	Drainage/Flood Protection	109	224.51	206.31	121.13	85.18
6	Fish landing centre	13	17.43	16.40	3.91	12.50
7	Fisheries Harbour	5	101.21	75.26	59.99	15.27
8	Forest Development	22	23.03	19.89	7.02	12.87
9	Hydel Power	6	14.23	11.54	6.10	5.44
10	Information Technology	5	194.47	172.77	131.10	41.67
11	Market Yard	116	12.35	11.10	7.57	3.52
12	Medium Irrigation	12	428.93	358.21	231.68	126.53
13	Minor Irrigation	1454	569.15	526.58	258.96	267.62
14	Modern Abattoir	5	21.39	14.83	8.83	6.00
15	Navigation	1	12.64	10.00	7.87	2.13
16	Public Market	1	1.92	1.82	1.37	0.45

17	Rural Bridge	363	1029.07	843.05	621.74	221.31
18	Rural Education	183	227.66	181.50	63.67	117.83
19	Rural Godown	166	124.45	117.02	24.96	92.06
20	Rural Health	126	250.83	208.24	70.45	137.80
21	Rural Road	921	1052.74	857.67	580.00	277.79
22	Rural Water Supply	128	857.11	600.39	401.66	198.73
23	Watershed	332	183.68	165.84	110.17	55.67
	Total	4163	5508.57	4495.34	2751.32	1744.16

Of the above 4163 sanctioned projects, 2678 projects (64%) have since been completed. RIDF Tranches from I to XI have since been closed. Tranches XII to XVII are currently ongoing. Under these ongoing tranches 1885 projects have been sanctioned with a RIDF loan of Rs.3002.72 crore, of which Rs.1454.06 crore has been disbursed (48.42%). The details of projects under ongoing tranches of RIDF are given below.

(Rs.in crore)				
Tranche	No. of projects	RIDF loan sanctioned	Disbursement	Utilization (%)
ONGOING TRANCHES				
XII	123	241.87	207.00	85.58%
XIII	371	291.34	268.56	92.18%
XIV	95	500.71	374.01	74.70%
XV	340	447.51	235.17	52.55%
XVI	407	531.98	153.97	28.94%
XVII*	549	1062.42	216.8	20.41%
Total	1880	3002.72	1455.51	48.47%

Of the total RIDF loans sanctioned to Kerala Government, the share of rural connectivity (roads and bridges) is 38%, agriculture and allied sectors (including irrigation) is 34%, followed by social sector (including rural educational institutions and public health infrastructure) 24% and others (including infrastructure for IT) 4%. The outstanding loans under RIDF in Kerala have registered an increasing trend in the past five years which reflects State Government's interest in availing financial assistance from RIDF.

The details of loan outstanding under RIDF during the last five years are given in the following Table.

Financial Year	Loan outstanding (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	333.77
2006-07	555.66
2007-08	727.79
2008-09	827.84
2009-10	1086.56
2010-11	1333.47
2011-12	1618.19

III. SALIENT FEATURES OF RIDF PROJECTS IN KERALA

- ◆ Large scale diversification of projects
- ◆ Projects have been sanctioned to Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) for implementation under RIDF.
- ◆ Social monitoring of projects, especially those sanctioned to PRIs is very effective in Kerala. Further there is third party monitoring for all PRI Road projects.
- ◆ Periodical review of projects sanctioned under RIDF in High Power Committee (HPC) Meeting at State Level chaired by Chief Secretary, Departmental review meetings etc. as also at District level reviews conducted by the District Collectors in DLMC meetings.

IV. HIGHLIGHTS - RIDF XVII

- ◆ All time high Sanction of Rs.949.10 crore under RIDF XVII (81% more than the sanctions of Rs. 532 crore in 2010-11)
- ◆ In addition to normal sanctions under RIDF, 80 warehousing projects were sanctioned with RIDF loan of Rs.113.34 crore
- ◆ Out of total sanctions of Rs.949.10 Cr, Rs.230 cr (24%), Rs.310 cr (33%) and Rs.410 cr (43%) has been sanctioned for Agriculture & allied, Social sector and Rural connectivity sectors respectively.

- ◆ Disbursement of Rs.454.66 crore (including refinance for warehousing) was made. The disbursements were 16% more than the disbursement of Rs.392 crore made during 2010-11.
- ◆ 225 projects with loan component Rs.102 crore to provide succour to victims of Endosulfan
- ◆ 24 rural road projects under Idukki Package with loan component of Rs.40 crore sanctioned