

OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER
COCHIN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

MINUTES OF 10TH MEETING (10/2026 SERIES) OF THE UNIT APPROVAL COMMITTEE OF
SEZs IN KERALA HELD ON 26.06.2026 AT 10.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CSEZ
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, KAKKANAD, COCHIN (HYBRID MODE)

The following members were present: -

Sl. No.	Name (Shri/Smt.)	Designation	Position
1	P Hemalatha IAS	Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone.	Chairperson
2	Hussain Usaid N A	Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Office the Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Kochi (Nominee of DGFT, Kochi)	Member
3	Ajith Krishnan G	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Nominee of Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Cochin)	Member
4	Ananthu Gopinath	Superintendent Customs (Nominee of Commissioner of Customs, Cochin)	Member
5	Balakrishnan U	Assistant Registrar, DIC (Nominated by DIC)	Member
6	Ganeshan R P	Manager, RBI (Nominee of AGM, RBI)	Special Invitee

Besides the members, Shri N S Dev, Deputy Development Commissioner, CSEZ, Shri Laloo P G, Deputy Commissioner of Customs & Specified Officer, CSEZ and Assistant Development Commissioners of various SEZs in Kerala were also present to assist the Approval Committee.

At the outset, the Development Commissioner and Chairman, Approval Committee welcomed the participants. After a brief introduction, each items included in the agenda were taken up and after deliberations, the following decisions were taken: -

(i) **Confirmation of Minutes of the last meeting (09/2026) of the Approval Committee held on 11.06.2026.**

The Committee was informed of the action taken on the decisions of the Approval Committee held on 11.06.2026 and confirmed the minutes of the previous UAC.

Item wise decisions on proposals included in the agenda:

3.1 PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP OF NEW UNITS (4 PROPOSALS)

3.1 (i) Application of M/s Dooth Internet Services Private Limited for Setting up a Unit at SmartCity (Kochi) SEZ, Kakkand.

The proposal of M/s Dooth Internet Services Private Limited for setting up a new unit in SmartCity (Kochi) Special Economic Zone, Cochin for carrying out authorized activities viz., Information Technology Consulting and Support Services (ITCHS/CPC: 998313/8313), Information Technology Design and Development Services (ITCHS/CPC: 998314/8314) in an area of 865 sq.mtr. with projected export of ₹5154.00 lakh, capital goods of ₹210.42 lakh (Import: ₹15.00 lakh and Indigenous: ₹195.42 lakh) over a period of five years with an employment generation for 92 persons was examined by the Committee. After due deliberations, the Committee approved the proposal in terms of Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules 2006.



3.1(ii) Application of M/s HCL Technologies Limited for Setting up a Unit in SmartCity (Kochi) SEZ, Ernakulam.

The proposal of M/s HCL Technologies Limited for setting up a new unit in SmartCity (Kochi) Special Economic Zone, Cochin for carrying out authorized activities viz., Information Technology Consulting and Support Services (ITCHS/CPC: 998313/8313), Information Technology Design and Development Services (ITCHS/CPC: 998314/8314) in an area of 2227.91 sq.mtr. with projected export of ₹15988.29 lakh, capital goods of ₹447.61 lakh (Import: ₹189.19 lakh and Indigenous: ₹258.42 lakh) over a period of five years with an employment generation for 62 persons was examined by the Committee. After due deliberations, the Committee approved the proposal in terms of Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules 2006.

3.1(iii) Application of M/s Aurex.AI Private Limited for setting up of a Unit in Infopark SEZ Phase II, Kakkanad.

The proposal of M/s Aurex.AI Private Limited for setting up a new unit in Infopark Special Economic Zone Phase-II, Kakkanad for carrying out authorized activities viz., Research and Development, Data Processing (ITC/CPC: 998112/85103), IT Consulting Service (ITC/CPC: 998313/83131), IT Support Services (ITC/CPC: 998313/83132), IT Design and Development services for application (ITC/CPC: 998314/83141) in an area of 154.41 sq.mtr. with projected export of ₹10417.10 lakh, capital goods of ₹89.60 lakh (Indigenous) over a period of five years with an employment generation for 195 persons was examined by the Committee. After due deliberations, the Committee approved the proposal in terms of Rule 18(2) of SEZ Rules 2006.

3.1(iv) Application submitted by M/s Onnsynex Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (FTWZ Unit), for setting up a Unit in Vallarpadam Special Economic Zone, Cochin.

The proposal of M/s Onnsynex Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (FTWZ Unit) for setting up a new unit in at IGTPF FTWZ in Vallarpadam Special Economic Zone, Cochin, for carrying out the authorized activity viz Warehousing, Logistics & Trading of all items mentioned under ITC HS Classification of Import & Export of items including permissible value added services under SEZ Act 2005 and SEZ Rule 2006) was considered by the Committee. After due deliberations, the Committee decided to defer the proposal for want of further clarification. The unit was directed to provide the details of KYC norms that are obtained by the unit in other Zones.

3.2 PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF APPROVED PROJECT PARAMETERS/BROAD-BANDING ETC. (1 PROPOSAL)

3.2 (i) M/s Protected Harbor Technologies Pvt. Ltd, a unit in KSITIL SEZ, Kozhikode- Request for Addition of Area and Revision of Approved Project Parameters

The Committee after due deliberations, approved the proposal of the unit for enhancement of area admeasuring 130.34 sq.mtr. with revision of approved project parameters, as it conforms to the requirement of Rule 19(2) of SEZ Rules 2006.



3.3 PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDING PATTERN/NAME/BOARD OF DIRECTORS ETC. (2 PROPOSALS)

3.3 (i) M/s GR8 Affinity Services LLP, a unit in KSITIL Special Economic Zone, Koratty, Thrissur - Intimation regarding change in designated partners.

The Committee after due deliberations took on record the change in Designated Partners of the firm, as it conforms to the requirement of Instruction No.109 dated 18.10.2021 issued by MOC.

3.3 (ii) M/s Edaran Precision India Private Limited, a unit in Cochin Special Economic Zone- Intimation regarding change in Board of Directors

The Committee after due deliberations took on record the change in Board of Directors, as it conforms to the requirement of Instruction No.109 dated 18.10.2021 issued by MOC.

3.4 MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS (1 PROPOSAL)

3.4 (i) M/s SOTI Kochi India Pvt. Ltd., Co-Developer of SmartCity (Kochi) Private Limited SEZ, Kakkanad, Ernakulam- Request for Material Procurement for Carrying out Authorized Operations.

The Committee after due deliberations approved the proposal of M/s SOTI Kochi India Private Limited, Co-Developer of SmartCity SEZ for duty free procurement of materials/services as per details below for their authorised operations in terms of Rule 10 and 12 of SEZ Rules ,2006:

Name of Authorized Operation	Description	Import (₹ in lakh)	Indigenous (₹ in lakh)	Duty Foregone (₹ in lakh)
Construction of Building (Building Materials and Services)	Material Cost	0.00	716.47	200.61
	Hiring Services	0.00	212.00	59.36
	Contract Services	0.00	154.85	43.36
TOTAL		0.00	1083.33	303.33

4. Any other matter with the approval of the Chairperson.

4.1(1) Review of Non-Operational Units and Exit Formalities

The Development Commissioner reviewed the status of non-operational units and units that have ceased operations but have not completed the prescribed exit formalities. During the discussion, concern was expressed over the continued occupation of SEZ space by such units, which adversely affects optimal utilization of SEZ infrastructure and delays allotment of space to prospective investors. After detailed deliberations, the following instructions were issued for immediate compliance by all Assistant Development Commissioners (ADCs):

1. Identification of Units Pending Exit Formalities

All ADCs were directed to undertake a comprehensive review of units under their jurisdiction and identify those units that have discontinued operations but have not completed the prescribed exit



formalities. A consolidated list of such units, indicating the status of their Letters of Approval (LoA), date of cessation of operations, and present status of exit proceedings, shall be prepared and submitted to the Development Commissioner by 30.06.2026.

2. Verification of Outstanding Rent and Other Dues

ADCs were instructed to obtain details of outstanding rent, maintenance charges, lease rentals, utility charges, and any other dues payable by the identified units from the respective Developer/Co-Developer. The details shall be compiled and submitted along with the list of units to facilitate expeditious closure of pending cases.

3. Verification of Pending Duty Liabilities

ADCs shall coordinate with the concerned Authorized Officer/Specified Officer to ascertain whether any customs duty liabilities, penalties, or other statutory dues are pending against the identified units. The status of such liabilities shall be documented and reported for further action.

4. Preparation of Standard Procedure for Non-Operational Units

It was observed that a uniform approach is required for dealing with non-operational units. Accordingly, ADCs were directed to prepare and submit a detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) covering action to be taken in respect of:

- Units having valid Letters of Approval but remaining non-operational for prolonged periods;
- Units whose Letters of Approval have expired but have not completed exit formalities;
- Cases involving unauthorized occupation of premises;
- Recovery of Government dues and Developer dues; and
- Cancellation of approvals and initiation of exit proceedings wherever warranted.

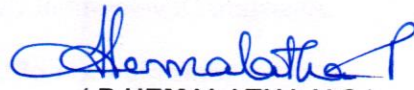
The DCC was directed to prepare a SOP for the above in consultation with DDC, Bangalore by 30.06.2026 for consideration and adoption at the level of the Development Commissioner's Office.

5. Undertaking from Developer/Co-Developer for New Applications and Area Expansion

In order to prevent allotment of space that is subject to unresolved exit issues, it was decided that while processing applications for setting up new units or for expansion of approved area, the Development Commissioner's Office shall obtain an undertaking/declaration from the concerned Developer/Co-Developer confirming that the premises proposed for allotment are free from encumbrances and that the previous occupant unit, if any, has completed all prescribed exit formalities.

The Development Commissioner emphasized that timely completion of exit formalities and effective monitoring of non-operational units are essential for improving space utilization, facilitating new investments, and ensuring compliance with the provisions of the SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006. All ADCs were directed to accord priority to the above tasks and adhere strictly to the timelines prescribed.




(P HEMALATHA IAS)
Development Commissioner &
Chairperson, Approval Committee