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## Corporation to endorse sewerage DPR bid

The Kozhikode City Corporation Council, at its meeting on Thursday, is likely to approve the quotation of Ram Biologicals, one of the two bidders to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) for setting up a Rs. 106-crore sewerage system in the city.

The project is being implemented under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (Amrut) of the Ministry of Urban Development.

Previously, following instructions from the Amrut director, the Suchitwa Mission of the State government had obtained bids from two empanelled consultants Ultratech Environmental Consultancy and Laboratory and Ram Biologicals.

Ram Biologicals had quoted 1.46 % while Ultratech 1.60 % of the amount when the financial bid was opened in the office of the Superintending Engineer on December 16. Subsequently, the Amrut Core Committee selected Ram Biologicals.

At present, the city does not have a proper sewerage network.

Sewage disposal is done with the help of septic tanks. However, these usually become unserviceable during the rainy season as the urban area has a high water table.

The project has been considered taking into account aspects such as the Arabian Sea in the west, the Cannoly Canal in the east, the Kallayi River in the south, and the Corporation boundary in the north.

Officials said that the Amrut project included decentralised, networked underground sewerage systems, including augmentation of existing sewerage systems and sewage treatment plants. The rehabilitation of old sewerage system and treatment plants and the recycling of water for beneficial purposes and the reuse of waste water are part of the project.

Thus, a faecal sludge management that involved cleaning, transportation and treatment in a cost-effective manner will be put in place. Further, the mechanical and biological cleaning of sewers and septic tanks will be done, they said.