



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Local Self Government (DA) Department

No.DA1/391/2019/LSGD

13/05/2020, Thiruvananthapuram

From  
The Principal Secretary to Government

To  
The Chief Engineer, LSGD

Sir,  
Sub: LSGD - Substituting VG 30 on for Natural Rubber Modified Bitumen  
for Public Tarring Works - Clarification sought - reg.

Ref: Your letter no.DB6/6665/2017/CE/LSGD dated 15.11.2019

I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to inform you the following as per the remarks of Chief Technical Examiner.

It is learned that there is a shortage of NRMB in recent period, on enquiry with the field officials. NRMB normally used in BC is preferred over VG-30 based on the performance in pavements. VG-30 can also be used in heavy duty pavements. In the view of these, your request vide reference cited is considered, subject to the following conditions.

- i. The field officials shall ensure the non availability of NRMB before using VG-30 instead of NRMB.
- ii. Appropriate rates shall be given to the contractor based on the material used.
- iii. There shall not be any change in contract conditions other than the reduced rate of bitumen considering the fact that the rate of VG-30 is considerably less than NRMB.

Yours Faithfully,

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**UNDER SECRETARY**

For Principal Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue  
Section Officer